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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Posts Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Delisting Rule Peer Reviews

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DENVER-The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received five independent peer reviews on the Yellowstone grizzly bear population proposed delisting rule. The peer reviewers all agree that the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population is biologically recovered and the 2016 Conservation Strategy, which is the post-delisting management plan, is sufficient to maintain a recovered population.

These peer reviews were conducted by third-party selected scientific experts in large carnivore ecology and management with expertise in one or more of the following categories: population ecology, management, demographics, conservation, and population genetics.

The peer reviews are posted at http://www.regulations.gov, and http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/es/grizzlybear.php.

Once the Service receives the post-delisting management plans from the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, we plan to reopen the comment period so the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule in light of both the peer reviews and the state plans.

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