From: Bagbonon, Michel
To: Jennifer Fortin-Noreus
Subject: Re: FW: Grizzly Bears
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 3:48:35 PM

Hi

Comment has been processed

Michel

On Wed, Jul 13, 2016 at 3:54 PM, Jennifer Fortin-Noreus <Jennifer_fortin-noreus@fws.gov> wrote:

> Another late one for the Yellowstone grizzly bear record. Thank you!
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Carolyn Fox [mailto:foxy2013@icloud.com]
> Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2016 8:24 AM
> To: Jennifer_fortin-noreus@fws.gov
> Subject: Grizzly Bears
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> I do not support the delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly bears.
> Decisions regarding their future should be based on securing their habitat
> and food sources, not on the human population. The grizzly bears have
> shown amazing tolerance to humans, as demonstrated by their performance at
> the many bear jams within Yellowstone National Park. We can learn to live
> with grizzly bears if we just try. With the lowest reproduction rate of
> any North American mammal, their numbers are not high enough to warrant
> delisting, and especially not hunting. Over 50 of them are being killed
> by humans each year even with Federal protection. This, combined with the
> number of Cubs that die naturally and those killed by boars is having an
> impact on their numbers. According to what I've read, their numbers have
> not increased since 2001. Why would you want to delist them now? The
> tri-state plans do not even come close to protecting them in the future.
> By the time they monitor their numbers it will be too late for
> restoration. With no clear path to other grizzly bear populations, the
> Yellowstone grizzly bears cannot survive over the long-term. There is
> absolutely no clear scientific evidence for delisting them at this time.

> Please reconsider your decision to recommend that they be delisted. These bears belong to the American public. They should not be hunted and their heads hung on someone's wall. They are national treasures and should be protected.
>
> Carolyn L. Fox
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