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All,

Here is the recommended language Dan provided regarding the paragraph on grizzly bear values.

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Brian, I was going through all the CS materials and realized that we prepared and didn't send the values paragraph that was my responsibility. Here it is. I'm sitting on a plane to DC and will get you info,on where we would request that it be inserted into the Conservation Strategy.

> Grizzly bears are one of the premier wildlife attractions for visitors to the Yellowstone area, which contributes to the public's enjoyment and sense of pride in our conservation heritage. Tourism has a large and increasing influence on the regional economy, infusing hundreds of millions of dollars into local communities, and more and more entrepreneurs, residents, and visitors see the environment and wildlife as valuable resources for recreation and viewing. Ninety-nine percent of visitors to Yellowstone National Park expect to see a bear, and 67% did during a recent trip. These visitors indicated they would pay $41 more in entrance fees to guarantee managers allowed bears to use roadside

habitats where they can be readily viewed and photographed. Also, 10% of these visitors indicated they would visit the park less if bears were not frequently visible from roads (Richardson et al. 2014, 2015). Visitation to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks for wildlife viewing and other recreational activities is expected to increase in the future. Thus, the management of grizzly bears in the Primary Conservation Area that encompasses these national parks, and is intended to provide secure habitat for grizzly bears where access-related disturbances are limited, should be conducted in a way that respects the preservation mission of the National Park Service and protects the regional economic benefits and enjoyment of bear watching.

Richardson, L., K. A. Gunther, T. Rosen, and C. C. Schwartz. 2015. Visitor perceptions of roadside bear viewing and management in Yellowstone National Park. George Wright Forum 32:299-306.

Richardson, L., T. Rosen, K. Gunther, and C. Schwartz. 2014. The economics of roadside bear viewing. Journal of Environmental Management 140:102-110.

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