From: Ryan Moehring
To: Seth Willey; Jennifer Fortin-Noreus
Subject: RE: FW: Your Inquiry
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016 5:02:51 PM

Thank you, Seth. I shared that context w/ Ms. Sullivan.

Thanks,
Ryan

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From: Willey, Seth [mailto:seth_willey@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 4:14 PM
To: Ryan Moehring; Jennifer Fortin-Noreus
Subject: Re: FW: Your Inquiry

No, that is not correct. All public comments are reviewed and considered during the rulemaking process. Specifically, I would take issue with the statement that "99.2 % of the public comments... were therefore not involved in the final decision." Every comment is considered. All 290,000+ public comments.

Ultimately, the Endangered Species Act, as passed by Congress, requires that any final decision be "solely on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available". Integrity of the ESA depends on decisions being based on science. Materials provided by the public are considered in this context and help ensure any final agency action on this issue are based on scientifically sound data, assumptions, and analysis.

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On Thu, Aug 11, 2016 at 1:54 PM, Ryan Moehring <ryan_moehring@fws.gov> wrote:
Hi Seth,

Please see below and share your thoughts when you have time.

Thanks,
Ryan

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From: Candy [mailto:Cms48@live.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Ryan Moehring
Subject: Re: Your Inquiry

Thank you for asking Seth Willey to call me yesterday. We had about a ten minute conversation and each of us shared views on how wonderful it is when a species is SAVED from extinction, how the comment period is not a public vote on any issue , and past bear and possible future panther hunting in Florida, my home state. We stated our thoughts on public comments of any topic the USFWS undertakes. I feel like we got off on the track of what exactly does "consider" mean in relation to the 290,000 public comments re Grizzly Bears that were submitted. I did ask if the numbers that were in the post I Submitted to you were essentially correct? Mr. Willey never answered that. Is the number that 99.2 % of the public comments re the delisting of the Grizzly Bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem were found to be not substantive and were therefore not involved in the final decision??? Or to ask the question from another view , how many of the public comments that were submitted re the Grizzly Bears actually make it to the table to help the committee make their decision?
If you are not comfortable answering either question please forward this to Mr. Willey. Thank you for all your help.
Candy Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2016, at 4:21 PM, Ryan Moehring <ryan_moehring@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hello Ms. Sullivan,
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> Thank you for your continued interest. I will be back in touch just as soon as I am able. Thank you very much for your patience.
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> Thanks,
> Ryan
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> **From:** Candy [mailto:Cms48@live.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2016 1:19 PM
> **To:** Ryan Moehring
> **Subject:** Re: Your Inquiry
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> Hello. Today is the 10th. I understand you are a busy man and dealing with a retired nurse concerned grandmother is the LAST thing on your TO DO list, but I have the time to use my patience as I await your reply.
> I am still here.

Thank you
Candy Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2016, at 4:15 PM, Ryan Moehring <ryan_moehring@fws.gov> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Sullivan,
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> I just wanted to send you a quick note to thank you for your question yesterday. We certainly respect your concerns and point of view, and will be back in touch very soon.
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> Thanks,
> Ryan
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