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Subject: RE: Review of the demographic change proposal

Reads well.

My only thought is in blue below.....so it is not interpreted that we do differently within the M area.

Unlike the methods adopted in 2007, the proposed revision to Demographic Criterion 3 would apply only within the Monitoring Area shown in Figure 1. The Study Team developed this Monitoring Area using USFWS suitable habitat (see 72 FR 14866, March 29, 2007) and adding areas which may serve as mortality sinks (Study Team 2012). Mortalities outside of the Monitoring Area would continue to be recorded and reported but would not count against the sustainable mortality limits for that year. Grizzly bear occupancy would not be actively discouraged outside the Monitoring Area but management emphasis would be on conflict response. Grizzly bears would not be removed from the population just because they occur outside the Monitoring Area but [as with the Monitoring area, grizzly bears](#) may be removed from the population or relocated if there are conflicts. Grizzly bears may also be preemptively relocated to avoid conflicts but their potential contribution to connectivity with other grizzly bear populations would be considered in any such moves. Preemptive moves would not be classified as conflicts.

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Folks,

Here are the proposed new demographic criteria, the protocol to monitor these criteria, and the charge to the peer reviewers. Please look these over, particularly the second paragraph on p. 5 in the proposed criteria, as we hope to have these available for public comment in the next few weeks via a notice of availability in the Federal Register.

What we are proposing is to have the protocol on specific monitoring methods posted on the IGBST website instead of part of these criteria to allow these monitoring protocols to be updated easily with new science and techniques. If the monitoring protocols are specified in the CS and the Recovery Plan demographic chapters, then updating them requires this type of public review process. Placing them on the IGBST website makes the techniques transparent and available while allowing them to be easily updated so the best methods and science available can be continuously applied.

If you have any big issues let us know as we are moving these forward soon.

Many thanks,
Chris

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