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Subject: FW: next steps toward changing demographic criteria

The mail I sent you bounced so here it is again.

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Subject: next steps toward changing demographic criteria

Folks,

Thanks to all of you the IGBST has completed this comprehensive report (and posted it on their website) on updated grizzly bear vital rates 2002-2011, new methods to estimate population size, and sustainable mortality limits for grizzlies in the Yellowstone ecosystem. There are a few more analyses to be completed on this project (as noted in the report) that should be finished by late 2012. Once those analyses are complete, we will be in a position in early 2013 to decide if we will propose to amend the Yellowstone chapter of the Recovery Plan and the demographic section of the Conservation Strategy with: 1) new methods to estimate population size; 2) a revised area where we count mortalities against mortality limits; and 3) revised sustainable mortality limits for different cohorts.

The amendment process would involve: 1) a Notice of Availability for comment in the Federal Register; 2) a public comment period; and 3) a concurrent peer review. The peer reviewers will be nominated by the IBA (Frank will have to recuse himself of course) and the Wildlife Society. The FWS will select 3 peer reviewers from those nominated by these professional societies.

Once the comment period closed and we responded to appropriate public and peer review comments, we will make the decision on changing the details of the Recovery Plan and the Conservation Strategy. In summary, at this time we are waiting for the completion of the final analyses to be completed in late 2012 to decide on moving forward with these possible changes.

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"If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." - Will Rogers

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Cc: Stephanie L Schmitz
Subject: IGBST Workshop Report

Dear IGBST members and workshop participants,

We just finished the report summarizing the findings of the 3 IGBST workshops held in 2011 and 2012. Thanks for all the comments and input we received, which have been incorporated and improved the report.

The report can be found at our website:
<http://www.nrmssc.usgs.gov/files/norock/IGBST/GYEGBMonMortWksRpt2012.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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