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The Conservation Strategy is on the agenda at the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee meeting first thing this AM. In the absence of having heard anything back yet about the latest language, I've instructed my rep (Patrick Walsh, Assoc Regional Director for Resources Stewardship & Science), to stick to something like the following if asked:

*The concerns of the National Park Service have not changed throughout the delisting process. Discussions are ongoing at a high level between NPS, FWS, and DOI as to whether these concerns can be addressed so that NPS could support and sign the Conservation Strategy.*

If pushed to vote before resolution is reached, my recommendation is no.

Assuming resolution is reached, we developed the following points:

- The National Park Service (NPS) believes the grizzly bear population has recovered. Throughout this process the NPS has supported delisting.
- The “no” vote in November about accepting the language in the Conservation Strategy was based on concerns by Yellowstone Superintendent Wenk about how the population was going to be managed post delisting. Superintendent Wenk felt there was ambiguity in the language that was approved at the YES committee meeting in the Conservation Strategy.
- Since November, the NPS has received written clarification from the USFWS that grizzly bears will be managed as a stable population according to Chao 2’s long-term average of 674.
- We understand that the state of Wyoming will provide confirmation that they do not intend hunt in John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. Furthermore, the state intends to concentrate hunts in areas where human/bear conflicts exist.
- The National Park Service is confident, after these recent assurances from USFWS and the state of Wyoming that Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks will continue to offer world-class wildlife viewing opportunities and a stable grizzly bear population.

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