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Thank you Jennifer for the clean copy. Not hearing any significant opposition to the proposal on the table, my recommendation is that everyone give the attached proposal one last review, and then we send a final recommended draft to the YES committee. I did make a couple of suggested edits for consideration. The main one is an attempt to try and include some perspective on why a revision might be helpful - that addressing the increased visitor use in a planned and managed way is actually better for bears than that increased visitation resulting in more dispersed, unmanaged use of higher priority bear habitat. If this is problematic or can be said better, please say so.

Please review and get any final edits to me by Friday, Sept. 16 (including if you don't like my suggested wording).

I don't think we need another call unless someone has significant heartburn with the proposal. I recommend we include the timeline in what gets submitted to YES, and let them decide whether or not they want it included in the Conservation Strategy document, as well as make a formal recommendation that this topic, and progress on completion of the review and revision be a standing agenda item on the YES agenda until it is completed.

We can start working on the revision language at any time, and can convene a call to address Lisa's concerns about getting the right people assigned in the near future.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

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I am sending out a clean version of the proposed language for one final review. I am available all day today and tomorrow for a call.

We also agree with Ken's suggestion that this be a standing agenda item for YES.

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Ken's idea of making this a standing agenda item on the YES agenda is a good one.

As far as a conference call - I'm thinking it may be a good idea to have a quick conference call to talk about how we get people assigned to the planning group. We also need to formalize a request that GIS contacts are provided from each Forest and Park unit to help with the GIS work. This has to come from the Supervisor/Superintendent. Based on past experience, this information is not always communicated to the troops who actually do the work and it becomes a struggle to get people's attention and time. If we do have a call, I am available any time this week. Dan had the flu (!) this weekend and won't be in until later today.

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My only concern with not including the timeline is the concern our historian (Dan) has relayed which is a perennial lack of action on this very topic. I don't want it to get forgotten as we all celebrate delisting and move on to other topics. I will ask the YES chair to make this a standing agenda item on the YES agenda until it is completed.

Ken McDonald  
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On Sep 9, 2016 11:14 AM, "Landenburger, Lisa A -FS"  
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I vote we exclude it.

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If we include the timeline I propose it is as an appendix; however, we have no issues in either including it or not, whatever the group decides.

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Probably no need to have the timeline in the Conservation Strategy, but I don't mind if its in there. The NPS will go with what ever the committee thinks on that one.

Kerry

On Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 1:43 PM, Landenburger, Lisa A -FS <lalandenburger@fs.fed.us<<mailto:lalandenburger@fs.fed.us>>>> wrote:  
[Kerry, your comments on the timeline looks good to me. I have only one last minor change/comment to the header for the Timeline \(at end of the document\). However, I'm not sure if it's relevant since I don't know if we plan to include the Timeline in the new language, or is this only for our own edification?](#)

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Habitat Sub-group:

Dan Wenk approved this concept. Attached are my minor edits to the Forest Service recent draft (in track changes).

Kerry

On Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 11:57 AM, McDonald, Ken <[kmcdonald@mt.gov](mailto:kmcdonald@mt.gov)<<mailto:kmcdonald@mt.gov>>>> wrote:  
Habitat Subcommittee.

The YES Committee was in agreement with the concept represented in the attached proposal. We have been directed to provide some final recommended language for committee consideration by Sept. 15 -

FS folks provided some edits yesterday for consideration (see attached), and at the meeting today there was an advocacy to speed up the timeline as much as possible.

So please review the attached Sept. 7 proposal - it shows proposed edits to the Sept. 2 version that was out last week. Please let me know if you have strong feelings one way or the other re: last week's 9/2 proposal vs. the edited 9/7 version. If there are significant concerns, we will convene a conf. call. If not, then please provide any additional comments/edits on the proposal, including the timeline. Sooner is better.

Thank you.

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Lisa has been reworking the most recently circulated draft related to developed sites standards (CS Chapter 3). Although we realize that the issue of what approach to take has not been approved by YNP, we wanted you to have these insights before tomorrow's YES virtual meeting. We know there are additional discussions to follow.

Our main concern with the standing draft was the need to use more general language for now, rather than committing to a specific mitigation approach. In addition, we wanted to make allowance for FS involvement. We can return to this editing process after tomorrow's discussion. Thanks.

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