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Dear Tribal members,

Thank you for attending the government-to-government consultation meeting between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and Federally-Recognized Tribal governments regarding the Service's proposal to delist the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) population of grizzly bears. The meeting was held on May 5, 2016 at Best Western Ramkota in Rapid City, South Dakota. At that time, we communicated that we would send out a transcript of the meeting and a list of attendees for your records. We have attached that information to this email.

We also want to make you aware of some upcoming news related to the delisting proposal. The Service has received five, independent peer reviews on the Yellowstone grizzly bear population proposed delisting rule. The peer reviewers were selected by an outside, third-party contractor based on their technical grizzly bear expertise. In addition, we have received the necessary protective measures finalized by the States of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming to manage human-caused mortality of grizzly bears in the ecosystem post-delisting. The peer reviews and links to the state protective measures are posted online at <https://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/es/grizzlyBear.php>.

In light of this new information, the Service is fulfilling its commitment to public participation, transparency, and the best-available science by reopening the comment period for 30 days to seek public input on the proposed delisting rule.

If you would like to comment on the peer reviews and state protective measures, you will be able to submit comments electronically, by mail, or by hand-delivery. Comments only need to be submitted once via any of the following methods:

- (1) *Electronically*: Comments may be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Once on that site, enter the docket number for the proposed rule, which is FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042, in the search box. Then click on the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!" Please ensure you have found the correct document before submitting your comments. If your comments will fit in the provided comment box, please use that feature, as it is most compatible with our comment review procedures. If you attach your comments as a separate document, our preferred file format is Microsoft Word. If you attach multiple comments (such as form letters or a petition), our preferred format is a spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel.
- (2) *Hard copy*: Comments can be submitted by U.S. mail or hand-delivery by either sending to: Native American Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80228, or to Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042; Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Alternatively, Tribal comments can be submitted electronically via email to Ivy Allen, Native

American Liaison, Mountain-Prairie Region, at ivy_allen@fws.gov. The Service will post all information received on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please note that this generally means that we will post any personal information that is provided.

We ask that you not resubmit comments made during the initial delisting rule comment period, as those original comments are already being considered in the determination process. However, we welcome the opportunity to have an ongoing dialogue with you regarding the peer reviews and state regulations, so please do not hesitate to contact us to have those discussions.

We look forward to consulting with you and discussing your comments and concerns regarding the proposed delisting of the GYE grizzly bear population.

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