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Fellow YES committee members,

Attached is the DRAFT revised Conservation Strategy for your review prior to our meeting next week. Most edits highlighted in tracked changes in the document represent changes made in response to decisions made by YES at our August 2nd meeting. Since that meeting, the Steering Committee has been evaluating public comment and made several recommended edits based on that analysis. Lastly, many edits reflect new recommendations by the USFWS, IGBST and Steering Committee to address several minor grammar and typographical errors, formatting changes and inconsistencies between related documents (i.e. recovery plan, draft delisting rule).

Please review and come to next week's meeting prepared to discuss your concerns, questions or additional recommended changes. Mary and I have discussed the most effective and efficient way to accomplish this review and we believe our time is best spent talking about the portions of the Conservation Strategy that are most important to you. For that reason will not be moving through the document line-by-line/change-by-change, but rather will invite all of you to bring up specific concerns or questions you have with the current set of revisions.

There remain a few issues that will require YES attention at next week's meeting in addition to a review of this current draft Conservation Strategy. There is not language inserted into this version of the CS to address these issues. That language can be drafted and inserted if approved by YES at our meeting:

- The USFS will offer new language regarding sensitive species
- There continues to be an interest by NPS to discuss the 1998 baseline/developed sites
- Finalize decision regarding Appendix C and the how to address the potential for future changes in the grizzly bear population estimator

As a reminder, our goal for next week's meeting will be to approve a final draft Conservation Strategy so that signatory agencies can conduct a final review with their respective organizations prior to our October 3rd meeting.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Brian

On Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 12:43 PM, Erickson, Mary C -FS <[mcerickson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mcerickson@fs.fed.us)> wrote:



Fellow YES members, here is the agenda and logistics for next week's September 8<sup>th</sup> work meeting on the Conservation Strategy. This date was set at our last meeting. Expect to receive the latest Conservation Strategy and updates on key issues from the Steering Committee by the end of the week. Please take a look at the agenda to see the venue options and conference call number.

As a reminder, here is the information on timelines and next steps from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting notes.

#### **Next Steps**

The Committee discussed work ahead and outlined a tentative timeframe. There was discussion that this timeframe was ambitious but we would work toward these goals. Based on the discussion, this is the timeframe provided by Brian Nesvik.

1. USFWS (Jennifer) to compile all YES approved changes into a final draft document by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Provide to Steering Committee.
2. Habitat Subgroup - provide updates agreed to at 8/2 YES meeting to Steering Committee by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Steering Committee - review summary of public comments provided by USFWS. Identify any issues that need to be addressed. Provide recommendations to YES for changes to the CS by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Steering Committee---meet in late August to discuss additional changes. Review final draft CS. Provide final draft to YES members by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. September 8<sup>th</sup> YES meeting. Review Steering Committee recommendations, move to approve changes where agreed upon, tackle unresolved issues.
6. YES members - provide recommended edits to YES chair and Steering Committee chair by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

7. October 3, 2016 YES meeting - -approve final conservation strategy.

Circulate for signature. Provide final signed document to USFWS by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Mary



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