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Subject: RE: Habitat sub-group conf call
Date: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:48:45 PM

I propose that Kerry, Dan, and I schedule a conference call to work through language together to ensure that we have a proposal that addresses everyone's concerns.

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Habitat Standards Sub-Group:

I was able to talk Dan Wenk yesterday on the proposed habitat standards. Dan does not think it is prudent to sign a document committing us to an as yet undetermined standard. The NPS needs some management flexibility to address the significantly increasing visitation and changing visitor demographics to NPS units. We also believe that an open ended, undefined Habitat Standard would leave the Conservation Strategy more vulnerable to a challenge in court. Therefore, Dan would like the sub-group to continue to work toward a timely resolution of the Habitat Standard language. We re-read the language the NPS and USFWS drafted, and believe that it does have sufficient sideboards for the conservation of grizzly bear habitat on NPS lands. We are also open to reviewing edits the sub-group may suggest.

Since the NPS and the U.S. Forest Service have very different congressional mandates and enabling legislation, and both agencies can offer very different types of habitat mitigation, Dan suggested that the U.S. Forest Service work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to draft Habitat Standards specific to the Forest Service's needs and habitat management challenges. Much in the way the NPS worked with the USFWS to come up with a reasonable and timely solution to the NPS's habitat management challenges.

Kerry

On Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 1:59 PM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

Here are drafts of the proposed language changes to the 1998 baseline and proposed timeline to address the need to create future modifications to the 1998 baseline and create the necessary sideboards.

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WE will have a conference call Monday, August 29 at 1:00 pm to discuss the attached. The call in number is

712-432-1500 passcode 385665#

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From: Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer [<mailto:jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu>]
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Here is an updated version of the proposed park service language for consideration for our call. The language has been modified to encompass all National Parklands.

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I am available today and can meet the call schedule of 1 PM, if that's helpful. Thanks.

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Greetings Habitat Subcommittee,

Haven't heard from Dan Tyers (USFS) or BLM regarding a conf. call today (Friday), so am recommending we hold off until we hear can make sure they are available as well.

It is my understanding that the issue we are trying to address is an equally big issue for the Forest Service and maybe BLM. The proposed language is specific just to YNP, so before proceeding I want to be sure the Forest Service weighs in.

Lets hold Monday at 1:00 as a place holder. If that works for Dan and BLM, I will confirm on Monday morning.

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How about a quick call tomorrow (Friday) at 1:00 pm or sometime Monday mid morning or early afternoon?

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Habitat Sub-group members,

We should probably arrange for another conference call in the near future. Jennifer and I have come up with language for the Habitat Standards that meets the needs of the National Park Service to address the significantly increasing visitation we have seen, while still meeting the needs of the USFWS and the conservation of grizzly bears in the GYE. In addition the USFWS believes that this language is not significant enough to trigger the need for an additional public comment period. Jennifer has also discussed this issue with the solicitor and can brief us on that discussion. I have attached the proposed language for the groups review.

Kerry

On Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 8:57 AM, McDonald, Ken <kmcdonald@mt.gov<mailto:kmcdonald@mt.gov>> wrote:
WE will have a conf. call of the griz bear conservation strategy habitat subcommittee on 8:30 am on Thursday, August 11. The topic will be Developed Sites and the 1998 baseline.

The call in information is: 712-432-1500 passcode 385665#

Thank you

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Ok. Plan on 8:30 on Thursday August 12. I will send the call in info on Monday

Ken McDonald
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On Aug 5, 2016 1:19 PM, "Gunther, Kerry" <kerry_gunther@nps.gov<mailto:kerry_gunther@nps.gov>> wrote:
That works for me.

Kerry

On Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 2:13 PM, McDonald, Ken <kmcdonald@mt.gov<mailto:kmcdonald@mt.gov>> wrote:

How about first thing Thursday morning?

Ken McDonald
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On Aug 5, 2016 12:22 PM, "Gunther, Kerry" <kerry_gunther@nps.gov<mailto:kerry_gunther@nps.gov>> wrote:
I am not available on Friday.

On Fri, Aug 5, 2016 at 1:01 PM, McDonald, Ken <kmcdonald@mt.gov<mailto:kmcdonald@mt.gov>> wrote:

Does a conf call on Friday August 12 at 9 am work for folks?

Ken McDonald
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On Aug 5, 2016 9:29 AM, "Gunther, Kerry" <kerry_gunther@nps.gov<mailto:kerry_gunther@nps.gov>> wrote:
Habitat sub-group, here is the language for the Developed Site Standard that I developed which would give the NPS the flexibility it needs to address significantly increasing visitation while still protecting bear habitat.

Kerry

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From: White, P <pj_white@nps.gov<mailto:pj_white@nps.gov>>
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Subject: Fwd: Developed Site Standard
To: Dan Wenk <dan_wenk@nps.gov<mailto:dan_wenk@nps.gov>>, Jennifer Carpenter <jennifer_carpenter@nps.gov<mailto:jennifer_carpenter@nps.gov>>
Cc: Kerry Gunther <kerry_gunther@nps.gov<mailto:kerry_gunther@nps.gov>>

Attached is some language regarding the 1998 baseline for developed site standards that Kerry developed. Once you are OK with the language, Kerry can send it to GRTE, USFS, and USFWS. Thanks.

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From: Gunther, Kerry <kerry_gunther@nps.gov<mailto:kerry_gunther@nps.gov>>

Date: Wed, Aug 3, 2016 at 8:54 AM

Subject: Developed Site Standard

To: P White <pj_white@nps.gov<mailto:pj_white@nps.gov>>

PJ,

Here is a quick first stab at it. I think it would fit our needs.

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