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To: [Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [McDonald, Ken](#); [Tyers, Daniel - FS](#); dharrell@blm.gov; [Delissa Minnick, BLM WY](#); [Landenburger, Lisa A -FS](#); [Tom Rice, MACO](#)
Subject: Re: Habitat sub-group conf call
Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 7:10:58 AM

Habitat Standards Sub-group:

The idea of signing and essentially agreeing to as yet undefined habitat standards is not being well received here, and you can't blame any manager for questioning that. I have a counter proposal. Why not eliminate the Habitat Standards chapter from the document, then add or append it to the conservation strategy once the YES or YGCC develop and approve something. That way no has to sign off on an undefined standard, and we have time to develop something that everyone agree's with. I thought we had come up with language that everyone could agree to, and the USFWS and states did find it acceptable, but obviously the Forest Service has concerns. I find the likelihood of resolving this by the end of the week very slim. While not having a habitat standard section leaves us vulnerable to a lawsuit, so does having one that is open ended and where we will fill in the blanks later.

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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From: McDonald, Ken [kmcdonald@mt.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 1:21 PM
To: Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer; Tyers, Daniel - FS; Gunther, Kerry
Cc: dharrell@blm.gov; Delissa Minnick, BLM WY; Landenburger, Lisa A -FS; Tom Rice, MACO
Subject: RE: Habitat sub-group conf call

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

Wildlife Division Administrator

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

----- Forwarded message -----

From: White, P <pj_white@nps.gov<mailto:
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Date: Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 6:41 AM

Subject: Fwd: Developed Site Standard

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Cc: Kerry Gunther <kerry_gunther@nps.gov<mailto:
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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:
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Date: Wed, Aug 3, 2016 at 8:54 AM

Subject: Developed Site Standard

To: P White <pj_white@nps.gov<mailto:
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PJ,

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

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