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Fellow YES members - I apologize for the delay in getting this information out.

I visited with Brian Nesvik, Chair of the Steering Committee that we appointed to work on an updated Conservation Strategy. The Committee has confirmed that we have critical work to do at our August 2nd meeting. Based on their advice, we will host the meeting in Bozeman asking as many committee members as can be there in person to join. Because this necessitates securing conference room space, we will not offer a video teleconference option. However we will ensure that there is a conference line available for those who can't be there in person.

I hope to send out a finalized agenda and meeting location by early next week, that will also be posted to the IGBC website. At this time, I would ask that members plan for a daylong meeting. Based on feedback from some of you, we will begin at 9 AM and end as late as 5 PM. The principal focus of this working meeting will be on the conservation strategy updates as presented by the steering committee and sub-teams.

Any questions or concerns or other urgent business for this upcoming meeting, please let me know.

Thanks, Mary

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 21, 2016, at 1:23 PM, Erickson, Mary C -FS <[mcerickson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mcerickson@fs.fed.us)> wrote:

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Greetings Fellow YES Members and IGBC Representatives. I wanted to provide a brief update/progress report for YES that will inform our Committee as well as provide an update for this week's IGBC meeting.

I've attached 4 documents.

The first document is a Status Report, courtesy of Brian Nesvik, Chair of the Steering Committee working on Conservation Strategy Revisions. Every agency, Tribe,

or County that requested representation on the Steering Committee should be getting information on progress from your representative as well. The document entitled "Steering Committee Themes" summarizes the grouping of issues that were identified at the April YES meeting.

The YES Workplan document summarizes progress on our 2016 Action Plan. We discussed this briefly at the last YES meeting. There is a need to be more structured in the development of our Committee's annual action plan. After this week's IGBC meeting, our Subcommittee may have a better template for the annual workplan. The intention is to begin work on our 2017 Workplan later this summer so that it can be presented at this fall's full YES meeting for review and approval before the winter IGBC meeting. Dan Tyers will be reaching out to all the agency bear biologists, the Study Team, Scott Jackson, and Gregg Losinski, our I&E Lead, to begin work on this soon. If others want to work with this group on the annual work plan, please let Dan and I know.

Finally, I've attached Draft Meeting Minutes from the Spring Meeting. If you have edits, please send to Sue Rupert, [srupert@fs.fed.us](mailto:srupert@fs.fed.us). There has been interest in seeing these minutes so we're planning to post the Draft in a couple weeks. We'll approve final minutes at the fall meeting.

*A quick reminder of upcoming meetings:*

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Special meeting to work on Conservation Strategy

October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Special meeting to work on Conservation Strategy

November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>: Fall YES meeting in Cody, WY

Hope everyone is having a great summer! Any questions, clarifications, or suggestions, please let me know.

Thanks, Mary

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