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Hi Jodi,

Hope you are having fun in Denver. Heard that the USFWS asked the IGBST to develop a recommendation for wording/process to reconcile numbers IF a new griz bear population estimator is used. You probably know that this was a very contentious issue between the states and FWS that was resolved at the upper levels by agreeing to wording referencing collaboration and adaptive management. Hopefully this remains the case, and there isn't an effort underway to go back on this agreement – doing so would likely be detrimental to the CS and would set us back a long ways. Hopefully you can pass that on if necessary as you all are working on the public comment. On our end, the Commission unanimously passed the hunting regulation framework and tri-state MOA yesterday, so that requirement of the delisting rule is now accomplished.

Thank you,

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