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Daniel M. Ashe
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

**Re: Proposed Rule – Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants:
Removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Population of Grizzly
Bears from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife**

Dear Mr. Ashe,

Enclosed are 1,786 signatures and original comments from people who are concerned about the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to remove grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

The following individuals affirmed the following statement and added their own comments:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
We oppose your proposal to strip grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem of their Endangered Species Act protection. If delisted, grizzlies in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming would face being hunted and killed for the first time in 40 years. Grizzlies are iconic wildlife in the American West critical to the health of the West's ecosystems. Their population has not fully recovered; and so long as the animals' survival is threatened, all grizzlies require continued Endangered Species Act protection.

Thank you for taking the time to review and consider these public comments.

Sincerely,

Natalie DeNault
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures: 1,786 signatures and original comments

Cc: James W. Kurth