

From: [Keisha Sedlacek](#)
To: [Backsen, Sarah](#)
Subject: RE: Public comments on Grizzly bear delisting rule
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 1:09:32 PM

Dear Ms. Backsen,

I have forward the request to our attorneys.

Best,

Keisha

From: Backsen, Sarah [mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Keisha Sedlacek
Subject: Public comments on Grizzly bear delisting rule

Dear Ms. Sedlacek,

I work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and I am helping with the process of reviewing public comments on the recent proposed rule to delist the Greater Yellowstone Population of grizzly bears. We received the comments that you submitted on behalf of the Humane Society of the United States, including 36,247 comment letters in PDF form, and a [change.org](#) petition with 34,044 signatures in Excel form. I am writing to ask if you could provide me the 36,247 comment letters in the form of an Excel spreadsheet, as we requested in the Federal Register notice for this proposed rule. While the comments will all be considered regardless, we request an Excel sheet because the software that we use to help us review comments does not seem to handle PDFs very well, and having them in Excel form helps us to better track which ones we've reviewed, highlight where people have personalized the letters, group comments by topic, etc. So, if you are able to provide the comments in Excel form we would greatly appreciate it!

Thanks for your consideration, and we appreciate your organization's supporters taking the time to comment on this rule.

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