

From: [Mitch Merry](#)
To: [Backsen, Sarah](#)
Cc: [Derek Goldman](#)
Subject: Re: Public comments on Grizzly bear delisting rule
Date: Monday, May 23, 2016 12:20:12 PM
Attachments: [Grizzly Delisting Comments Endangered Species Coalition.xlsx](#)

Dear Ms. Backsen,

Thank you for emailing. I've attached the comments in an Excel spreadsheet. Please email if we can be of any further help in assuring these comments are accepted and considered.

Best,
Mitch

On Mon, May 23, 2016 at 1:00 PM, Backsen, Sarah <sarah_backsen@fws.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Merry,

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 14,522 comments that you posted on behalf of the Endangered Species Coalition in the form of 3 PDF attachments. I am writing to ask if you could provide me those comments 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 customized 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 members taking the time to comment on this rule.

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****Please note the name change and new email address!****

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