

From: [Cybele Knowles](#)
To: ["Backsen, Sarah"](#)
Cc: [Rick Mick](#); [Andrea Santarsiere](#)
Subject: RE: Public comments on Grizzly bear delisting rule
Date: Monday, May 23, 2016 12:05:37 PM
Attachments: [FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042-0001_CBD_29832_comments.xlsx](#)

Hi Sarah,

Attached please find, in Excel format, the 29,832 comments from Center for Biological Diversity supporters on the proposed rule to delist the Greater Yellowstone Population of grizzly bears.

Thank you very much for ensuring that our comments on this proposal are received and considered! Going forward we will keep a closer eye on the comment submission requirements. Please let me know if there's anything else you need from me at this time.

Best,
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From: Backsen, Sarah [mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Cybele Knowles
Cc: Rick Mick; Andrea Santarsiere
Subject: Re: Public comments on Grizzly bear delisting rule

Hi Cybele,

If you could email me the Excel file, that would probably be easiest. I appreciate your help!

Thanks,

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On Mon, May 23, 2016 at 11:30 AM, Cybele Knowles <cknowles@biologicaldiversity.org> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for your message. It's no problem at all for us to deliver the comments in an Excel

spreadsheet, and I apologize for the fact that I missed the original instruction to submit Excel documents.

Should I email this file to you, or would you like me to deliver the comments in another way?

Best,

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From: Backsen, Sarah [mailto:sarah_backsen@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 10:26 AM
To: cknowles@biologicaldiversity.org; asantarsiere@biologicaldiversity.org
Subject: Public comments on Grizzly bear delisting rule

Dear Ms. Knowles and Ms. Santarsiere,

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 29,832 comments that you posted on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity in the form of 6 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 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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