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To: [Secretary Sally Jewell](#)
Subject: I oppose the planned delisting of Greater Yellowstone Grizzly bears
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Secretary Sally Jewell
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Dear Jewell,

I am opposed to removal of Endangered Species Act protections from grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone region (delisting). Thanks to 40 years of protection and the hard work of many people to protect grizzlies, they have made a comeback but they are still vulnerable.

Grizzly bears in the Yellowstone region remain isolated, the growth rate of the population has been essentially flat since the early 2000s, there is significant uncertainty about the long-term implications of the recent loss of traditional key grizzly foods, and existing state management plans will not adequately protect bears or allow them to connect to other grizzly populations. Additionally, courts have ruled that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) must consider the overall recovery of the species as it was originally listed under the ESA, and not delist isolated 'segments' of the species one at a time.

In the lower 48 states, grizzly bears today occupy less than 2% of their historic range. Removing ESA protections from Yellowstone grizzly bears is premature. We need a recovery plan that ensures a thriving, connected, and well-distributed "metapopulation" of several thousand bears.

Please protect the Greater Yellowstone grizzly, stop the delisting.

Sincerely,

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