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To: [Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell](#); [Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell](#); [USFWS Director Dan Ashe](#); Dan_Ashe@fws.gov
Subject: Meet With Tribes About Grizzly Protection
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Dear Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe,

I'm writing in support of a letter from the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council urging you to delay any plans to remove federal protection from Yellowstone's grizzlies and instead attend a summit this summer, both to hear the tribes' opposition to stripping Endangered Species Act protection from grizzly bears and to show respect for their nations and cultures.

The tribes have a long-standing cultural connection to the region's grizzlies and deserve to be fully heard before any further steps are taken to strip away the bears' protections.

This request follows a Northern Cheyenne tribal representative being forcibly stopped from speaking by the state-federal grizzly bear committee when he attempted to announce the tribe's opposition to stripping protection from the species.

I'm urging you to put delisting plans for Yellowstone's grizzlies on hold and attend the tribal summit this summer as part of government-to-government consultation on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,
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