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To: Dan_Ashe@fws.gov
Subject: I urge you to Please Meet With Tribes to Discuss Grizzly Protection
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Dear Director Ashe,

There simply aren't enough grizzly bears to warrant delisting them to keep the hunting industry happy. Hunters are a minority in this country, yet they are always whining about how their rights to kill wild animals, including endangered ones, are being infringed upon. Boo Hoo! The majority of people want to be able to see wild animals alive and thriving when they go to our parks and refuges. And it is extremely disrespectful to try to silence the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders from speaking out in opposition to your delisting plan. Do the right thing and allow them to tell you why they are against this proposal which will have an extremely negative affect on the grizzly population since people who love to kill animals, just can't control themselves. Silencing people who disagree with you is downright anti-democratic. Shame on you!

I'm writing in support of a letter from the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council urging you to delay any plans to remove federal protections 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.

Tribes have a longstanding cultural connection with the region's grizzlies and deserve to be fully heard before any further steps are taken to strip away the bears' protections.

The 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 on hold for Yellowstone's grizzlies and attend the tribal summit this summer as part of government-to-government consultation on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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