

Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Fish and Wildlife Service Grizzly Bear Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites – Denver Airport
Denver, CO
February 18-19, 2015

February 18

12:00 Noon **Opening Comments/Agenda Review/Rules of the Road - Chris Smith**

12:15 PM **GYE GB Science - Frank Van Manen**

This portion of the meeting will consist of a series of brief presentations by Frank Van Manen covering the work of the study team. Topics covered will include:

1. Delineation and purpose of the Demographic Monitoring Area
2. Population estimation and trend analysis
3. Methods for determining sustainable mortality limits
4. Implications of revised population estimation methods/mortality limits on management flexibility

Following each topic presentation, there will be time for clarifying questions. Issues or policy-level questions that arise will be captured, but not discussed or debated at this stage. Breaks will be taken as needed.

2:15 PM **2007 Final Rule vs Proposed Strategy/Rule/Recovery Plan - Chris Servheen**

This portion of the meeting will be a “side-by-side” comparison of the 2007 Final Rule and the proposed conservation strategy/rule/recovery plan. Clarifying questions may be asked, but no discussion or debate will occur at this stage.

3:00 PM **State Perspectives & Concerns – Virgil Moore, Jeff Hagener, Scott Talbot**

This portion of the meeting will provide each state the opportunity to express their perspectives and/or concerns regarding the proposed conservation strategy/rule/recovery plan. Clarifying questions may be asked, but no discussion or debate will occur at this stage.

4:30 PM **Framing Issues for Discussion – Chris Smith**

This portion of the meeting will focus on defining the issues related to recovery, delisting and post-delisting management that need to be resolved for the states and FWS to move forward collaboratively. Issues will be identified and defined, but not discussed, negotiated or debated.

February 19

8:00 AM **Recap of yesterday/ground rules/goals - Chris Smith**

8:10 AM **Discussion and Resolution of Identified Issues – Chris Smith**

Issues identified will be addressed in sequence through discussion and, if necessary, negotiation and debate among policy-level representatives of the FWS and state agencies. The goal will be to resolve each issue to the satisfaction of all 3 states and the FWS. Failing that, the alternative will be to define a process through which the states and FWS will continue efforts to reach consensus. Breaks will be taken as necessary.

11:30 AM **Summary of Agreements and Clarifying Next Steps – Chris Smith**

This portion of the meeting will review agreements reached and any necessary follow-up actions by the parties.

12:00 Noon **Adjourn**