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To: Shoemaker, Rebecca
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Subject: RE: Request for peer reviewers in preparation for the potential release of the proposed delisting rule for Yellowstone


Chris Servheen
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18 Aug 2014

Dear Chris,

In response to your request, IBA Council would like to recommend Joe Clark, Bruce McLellan, and Gordon Stenhouse as proposed reviewers for any upcoming proposal to delist grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Council considered a number of different people, some of whom informed us that they did not wish to be considered for this task, for various reasons. Of all the people discussed, however, Joe, Bruce, and Gordon were consistently named as among the best, based on their long and broad experience in research, bear ecology and populations, and management.

We have confirmed with Joe Clark that he is very willing to serve as a reviewer, though he asked us to remind you of his long working relationship with Frank van Manen during the years that Frank was in Tennessee, in case that would make him a less-than-optimal reviewer in the committee or the public's perception. We have no doubts that he would provide an objective, insightful, and helpful review.

Bruce McLellan and Gordon Stenhouse have both been in the field and difficult to reach. I am waiting to hear from both of them, so I cannot confirm that they would be willing, if asked. However, I wanted to forward their names to you before any more time passed, as you had asked for recommendations by the middle of this week. I will let you know as soon as I hear from them.

We hope that these recommendations are helpful to you and the USFWS.

Best regards,

Karen Noyce

From: Servheen, Chris [<mailto:grizz@umontana.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 12:52 PM

To: Noyce, Karen V (DNR)

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IBA,

In preparation for the potential release of a proposal to delist grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, I am contacting you to request that the IBA provide recommendations of 1-3 peer reviewers for the proposed delisting rule if and when it is published. Please note that there has been no decision yet to propose a change in the status of the Yellowstone grizzly population. We are preparing for that possibility and this request is part of that preparation. To ensure the independence of the reviewers, please do not nominate anyone directly involved in grizzly bear management, research, or litigation in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem.

Our purpose in seeking independent peer review is to ensure that we've adequately considered and addressed all factors relating to the continued survival of a healthy grizzly bear population in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. We are seeking expert review of our logic, assumptions, arguments, and conclusions to ensure that the best biological and scientific data are relied upon, as well as to ensure that reviews and input by recognized experts are incorporated into any final action.

Please send the names of your nominations within the next 30 days. After receiving peer review nominations, if and when the proposed rule is published we will select several peer reviewers and contact them directly. Thank you for your important contribution to science-based wildlife conservation.

Chris

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"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something" – Thomas Huxley