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From: Noyce, Karen V (DNR) <karen.noyce@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Servheen, Chris
Subject: RE: Request for peer reviewers in preparation for the potential release of the proposed delisting rule for Yellowstone

Hi Chris,

I'm sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I'm on vacation out of town and only now able to access email daily. I will send this request on to Council and we will provide some nominations for reviewers.

Karen

From: Servheen, Chris [grizz@umontana.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 12:51 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