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To: [Shoemaker, Rebecca](#); [Landenburger, Lisa A -FS](#)
Subject: RE: revisions to bullet list
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Your changes are great! I didn't respond yet to doodle poll because I figured the e mail was sent as a product of a corporate mailing list. I haven't been that much involved in demographic stuff. Is there an intent to talk about changes to habitat stuff at this meeting too? Thanks again.

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hi Dan!

thanks for letting me look this over. My edits are below and in the attached document.

why haven't you replied to the doodle poll yet? here's the link in case you lost it ☺

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Rebecca and Lisa: here is note for you to edit. Its purpose is to update the GYE Forest Supervisors and Park Superintendents on the effort to make changes to the CS. I think we have kept them very well informed along the way. But now it's time to check in with them again. This is not intended to reopen discussion but rather to inform, especially in regards to the proposed changes to the Habitat Standards. There are a lot of moving parts and I know you have been having great discussions about this, so it is critical that you folks correct this note before I send it to make sure I get it right. I confess that I don't know the details of how the Service will proceed from here.

The purpose of this note is to remind you of our proposal to make specific changes to the **Habitat Standards in the** GYE grizzly bear Conservation Strategy. I also want to update you on the status of the effort to incorporate those changes.

Lisa and I have identified some changes needed in Chapter 3 (Habitat Standards and Monitoring) in the GYE grizzly bear Conservation Strategy. In recent years, we have described these concerns and proposed response to the YES Executive Group. As a reminder, we are proposing to change several

unworkable habitat-related standards **monitoring items** and add clarification **to some of the Application Rules for habitat standards.** ~~for several others.~~ In our assessment, **some monitoring items and application rules** ~~these specific standards,~~ as currently stated, either can't be met or promote confusion in interpretation. Consequently, the proposed changes are needed to ensure the credibility and functionality of the Conservation Strategy. Conversely, to not make these changes will hold the agencies to untenable constraints and obfuscate project implementation. **It is important to note we are not proposing any changes to the actual standards and the 2006 ROD would still be in effect upon delisting.**

In response, the YES Executive Group commissioned us to 1.) secure interagency input on the proposed changes, 2.) specify the changes and alternative language, and 3.) find a mechanism to incorporate and formalize these changes in the Conservation Strategy. We have accomplished the first 2, which the attached memo reflects. A process is now available to formalize these changes in the Conservation Strategy (task 3), which I will describe for you.

The Service, in concert with the USGS Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, has similarly proposed changes to the **demographic recovery criteria contained in the Recovery Plan and the Conservation Strategy Demographic Standards** (Chapter 2). These changes were developed through a formal Demographic Review (review of the GYE grizzly bear abundance, distribution and mortality estimates, as well as monitoring techniques to assess these metrics). The proposed changes to the Conservation Strategy Demographic Standards are listed for you at the end of the attached memo.

The Service accepted public comment on the proposed changes to the Demographic Standards **in 2013 but intends to re-release these proposed revisions for public comment, along with a fully revised Conservation Strategy sometime this fall.** ~~and now intends to publish a Rule to formalize them and change the Conservation Strategy accordingly. This provides an opportunity to also make the proposed changes to the Habitat Standards. Whereas the changes to the Demographic Standards were perceived to require public scrutiny because they are the product of an interagency Demographic Review as prescribed in the Strategy, changes to the Habitat Standards were not. That is, changes to the Habitat Standards were derived through an informal process, not a "triggered" review.~~ **While discussions are ongoing, it is unclear at this time if agencies will be asked to re-sign the MOU in the Conservation Strategy.**

Chris Servheen, FWS Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, has asked that the full IGBST meet to discuss changes to the Conservation Strategy in August, pending a release of a new Rule later this year describing the changes.

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