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Scott, Virgil, and Jeff,

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 states provide recommendations of peer reviewers for the proposed rule if and when it is published. 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.

We are also requesting suggestions for peer reviewers from the Wildlife Society and the International Association for Bear Research and Management.

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.

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