



ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILD

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Department of the Interior
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Director Dan Ashe
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Dear Secretary Jewell and Director Ashe,

We the undersigned individuals are writing today to ask you to protect Yellowstone grizzly bears. The proposal to remove grizzlies from the Endangered Species list is scientifically and environmentally premature and would reverse their recovery.

Grizzly bears have a naturally slow reproductive rate; they are losing their key food sources due to climate change and are routinely struck by cars in search of food. They currently occupy less than 2% of their historic range in the lower 48 states. Grizzlies have been making a slow comeback thanks to their Endangered Species protections.

The proposed rule would also leave management of grizzlies outside of national parks open to the states, which has historically meant the death of the bear.

People and bears can coexist. Please protect Yellowstone grizzlies until there are scientifically- and environmentally-sound plans at the state level to ensure their true recovery.

Sincerely,

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