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Apologies. I also told folks I would get back to them on the language that seemed to just "appear" in the CS on page 48.

At the September 8th YES meeting, issues were raised to the Committee regarding how discretionary and total mortality rates are calculated as the public had requested clarification on these two integral issues. Commenters suggested that the Strategy should include Table 3 and the subsequent from the proposed rule to clarify how hunting mortality will be calculated. Without these explanations commenters were concerned that the calculation of hunting mortality was unclear and could potentially equal 200 bears with the current population estimate of 717.

At the YES meeting Jennifer Fortin Noreus was asked to work with the IGBST to draft technical language for the Strategy and the Rule to address these questions/concerns. The suggested verbiage on pages 49-50 of the Sept 22 CS (see below) is the result of that assignment. The new language and tables were modified from those in the proposed rule in response to the public comments and to clarify that these are only examples.

Please note that given the short timeline for this request only Frank van Manen of the IGBST provided input.

That suggested language is attached and is what was in the 9-26-16 version of the CS that we saw on Monday.

Please review this language in that light so we can come to a decision regarding its inclusion or not on Monday, October 3. Thank you. JB

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On Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 8:49 PM, Bush, Jodi <jodi_bush@fws.gov> wrote:

Group. As was discussed on the call on Monday, I indicated I would get the suggested language to you to address the perpetuity question that was raised during the comment period and that we discussed at the September YES meeting. The suggested revision is to add "for the foreseeable future" in 2 places in the CS. One on page 7 the other on page 19. See language below. We will be talking about this at the Oct 3 meeting so wanted to make sure you were aware ahead of time. Thanks JB

On page 7 of the CS. The suggested change in red.

This Conservation Strategy was developed to be the document guiding management and monitoring of the Yellowstone grizzly bear population and its habitat upon recovery and delisting. The Conservation Strategy will remain in effect **for the foreseeable future**, well beyond recovery and delisting. Ongoing review and evaluation of the effectiveness of this Conservation Strategy is the responsibility of the state, tribal, and federal managers in the GYE. All monitoring protocols will be conducted and funded by those agencies assigned the responsibility. This Conservation Strategy will be evaluated by the management agencies every five years, allowing public comment in the updating process.

The other on page 19, just before the signatory block.

This Strategy will remain in effect **for the foreseeable future** well beyond the delisting and the five year monitoring period required by the Act to address the long-term need for continued coordination among signatory agencies. This Strategy will be adaptive in nature and will be re-evaluated at least every 5 years beginning on the date of the last signature below.

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