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To: Michael_Thabault@fws.gov; [Matt Hogan](#)
Cc: [Shoemaker, Rebecca](#)
Subject: FW: Court ruling with implications for grizzlies
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 7:28:49 AM

Since Chris Smith took it upon himself to do his own "legal analysis" of the Great Lakes wolf ruling and its impact on grizzly recovery and then announce his results to the IGBC (even though he is not an IGBC member), we have a serious PR problem. We (FWS) need a plan to respond to the IGBC on this. Any thoughts?
Chris

On 1/14/15 3:49 PM, "Davis, Ellen -FS" <ellendavis@fs.fed.us> wrote:

>Chris, see Tammy and Chris Smith's message below. Could you send out a
>summary to the IGBC executive committee discussing the Western Great
>Lakes court ruling on wolves and the implications it could have on
>delisting gb's in the YES and NCDE. I can send you a copy of the court
>ruling if you need. Let me know. Ellen
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>-----Original Message-----
>From: Tamara Whittington [mailto:tammy_whittington@nps.gov]
>Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 3:43 PM
>To: csmithwmi@msn.com
>Cc: Davis, Ellen -FS
>Subject: Re: Court ruling with implications for grizzlies
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>Thanks Chris. I appreciate this info, and had wondered about it myself.
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>Ellen....would you be able to contact Chris Servheen and ask him to send
>out a summary for IGBC folks?
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>Thank you both!
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>Tammy
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>Sent from my iPad
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>> On Jan 14, 2015, at 12:45 PM, Chris Smith <csmithwmi@msn.com> wrote:
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>> Tammy,
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>> I don't know if Chris Servheen or Ellen passed this on to you or not,
>> but this ruling on the Western Great Lakes delisting of wolves has
>> direct and significant implications for the IGBC's efforts on
>> grizzlies. Specifically, the court has said the FWS cannot carve a
>> DPS out of a range-wide listing in order to delist that DPS. That's
>> what the FWS did with WGL wolves and the court said that's not legal.
>> That is also exactly what the FWS (and IGBC) have been planning to do
>> with the Greater Yellowstone and NCDE grizzlies. If the Executive

>> Committee is not aware of this, they should be, because unless the FWS
>> can get this ruling reversed on appeal, the current approach for the
>> GYE and NCDE will have to be revised.

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