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I know how busy you all are, and I really appreciate the time you dedicated to our discussions yesterday and today. I also appreciate the willingness to listen and to consider how we might move forward together. Many people -- state, NGO, tribal and federal -- have worked hard, dedicating careers to conservation of this iconic (and yes, troublesome!) animal. Their efforts have gotten us to where we are, and we are the last leg of the relay! Let's get across the finish line!!

I look forward to our next step. Thanks!

And a special word of thanks to Chris Smith, for taking on the challenge of facilitating our grizzly-group. Great job Chris!

See you all in Omaha, and beyond.

Dan.

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On Feb 13, 2015, at 3:16 PM, Chris Smith <csmithwmi@msn.com> wrote:

I want to pass on a few logistic details for our upcoming grizzly bear meeting in Denver on February 18 and 19. We will be meeting at the same hotel where the FWS lined up the block of rooms, the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites - Denver Airport, 6900 Tower Rd., Denver. We will start at noon on the 18th and work through the afternoon. Meals are not being provided, so I would encourage you to either grab an early lunch or, if your schedule is tight, feel free to bring it along.

Matt Hogan has arranged a group reservation for dinner at a local restaurant which will give us a chance for some informal interaction time, if folks are up for that.

On the 19th, we will begin meeting at 8:00 a.m. and plan to be done by noon, unless we can wrap up all the issues prior to that. Lunch, again, will be on your own.

I look forward to seeing you all next week and making progress toward our shared goal of reaching agreement on a mutually acceptable path forward for delisting the Yellowstone grizzly population.

Thanks,
Chris