

From: [Matt Hogan](#)
To: [Noreen Walsh \(Noreen_Walsh@fws.gov\)](#)
Subject: FW: GYA grizzly bear proposal from ID, MT, WY
Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 8:08:00 AM

FYI

From: Hagener, Jeff [mailto:JHagener@mt.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 7:55 AM
To: Matt Hogan; Richard Hannan
Subject: RE: GYA grizzly bear proposal from ID, MT, WY

Matt and Rich,

Please recognize it has taken a major effort to get to this point with all three state agencies and Governor's offices concurring on a delisting plan we feel comfortable with, and stand willing to defend with our publics and against potential lawsuits.

Jeff

From: Matt Hogan [mailto:matt_hogan@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 6:09 PM
To: McDonald, Ken
Cc: richard_hannan@fws.gov; jeff.gould@idfg.idaho.gov; Brian Nesvik; ed.schriever@idfg.idaho.gov; Hagener, Jeff; Moore, Virgil; Scott Talbott
Subject: Re: GYA grizzly bear proposal from ID, MT, WY

Thanks all for a good discussion today.

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On Mar 19, 2015, at 4:07 PM, McDonald, Ken <kmcdonald@mt.gov> wrote:

Matt and Rich,

With further discussion, we thought the best and cleanest approach was to just give you the proposal for post-delisting management of grizzly bears in the GYA, and not worry about all the collateral stuff in the MOU. So please disregard the earlier MOU I sent, other than recognizing that at some point in the future, if we all come to agreement, the 3 states will use a mechanism like the MOU to demonstrate our commitment to manage delisted bears on an ecosystem approach. So attached is a more simple description of the proposal for post-delisting management of grizzly bears in the GYA. Nothing is different from what we discussed before, it is simply the basic proposal without the MOU language. Please let us know if you

have any questions.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: GYE grizzly bear proposal

Matt and Rich,

Attached is the proposal for post delisting management of grizzly bears in the GYA that MT, ID, and WY have developed. It is in the form of an MOU the states would sign to demonstrate commitment to manage the GYE griz bear population on an ecosystem scale. Also attached is a talking points sheet that summarizes the basic points of the proposal. This proposal has been vetted by each of our state's Governor's offices, and is a very good plan that will foster continued recovery of grizzly bears.

Talk to you at 11:00 am Mountain Time

The call in number is 712-432-1500, access code 385665#

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From: McDonald, Ken
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 12:47 PM
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Subject: GYE grizzly bear proposal

Matt and Rich,

Since the meeting in Denver, the states of MT, ID, and WY have been working on a proposal for post-delisting management of grizzly bears

in the GYE. Per direction from Directors Talbot, Moore, and Hagener, we would like to schedule a short conference call with you two to present to you the States' proposal. We are hoping you would be available on Thursday, March 19 at 10 am Mountain Time. The Directors will be in Denver for sage grouse meetings on March 30-31, and are inquiring with Dan Ashe about a possible face to face some time before or after the sage grouse meetings in case there are any concerns with the grizzly bear proposal, so the FWS would have several days from the conference call to the face to face to review.

So first and foremost, can you confirm if you would be available on Thursday at 10 am for a conf. call where we will present our proposal to you two?

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