

From: [Matt Hogan](#)
To: [Stephen Torbit](#); [Michael Thabault](#)
Subject: Fwd: 33 Tribal Nations opposing Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:53:05 AM

Hopefully you guys had a chance to talk about a G2G strategy. See suggestion below....be curious your thoughts of talking/meeting with GOAL directly vs just the tribes. Hopefully we can catch up tomorrow. Thanks.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ivy Allen <ivy_allen@fws.gov>
Date: May 20, 2015 at 2:20:41 PM CDT
To: Matt Hogan <matt_hogan@fws.gov>
Subject: FW: 33 Tribal Nations opposing Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting

Hi Matt,

I wanted to know if you would consider or be interested in making a phone call to the leader of the GOAL group or letting me set up a meeting between you and them? I feel like they are really looking for a personal conversation from you or Noreen. I think only then some of the daily media attention about us (specifically Region 6) not meeting our G2G responsibilities would stop. While they are an NGO, they are almost entirely composed of tribes and tribal member support. I believe the recent controversy in Montana is only going to continue to get more extreme the longer we take to actively engage the tribes in meaningful G2G consultation.

<http://www.achixclip.com.br/noticia/33417231/ultimas-noticias/tribe-seeks-wyoming-apology-over-disrespect-in-grizzly-bear-meeting/>

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From: Ryan Moehring [mailto:ryan_moehring@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 12:11 PM
To: Ivy Allen
Cc: Chris Servheen; Scott Aikin; Michael Thabault; Stephen Torbit
Subject: Re: 33 Tribal Nations opposing Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting

I agree with Chris that another response is unnecessary and redundant at this time. This issue is high profile and less is most definitely more. Any

outreach on this issue needs to be vetted through regional leadership, per the RD's office.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 20, 2015, at 10:23 AM, Ivy Allen <ivy_allen@fws.gov> wrote:

Chris, I am looping in Scott Aikin since this issue has repeated been brought to Secretary Jewell's attention so he is aware of the situation and can make recommendations moving forward.

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From: Servheen, Chris [mailto:chris_servheen@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:19 AM
To: Ivy Allen
Cc: Michael Thabault; Ryan Moehring; Stephen Torbit
Subject: Re: FW: 33 Tribal Nations opposing Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting

Ivy,
I suggest you not respond to GOAL as this will complicate matters and is not necessary. We have responded to their concerns already. I am copying Mike, Ryan and Steve as I have talked to them about this GOAL issue.
Thanks,
Chris

On Wed, May 20, 2015 at 10:07 AM, Ivy Allen <ivy_allen@fws.gov> wrote:
I understand that completely, but I want to make GOAL aware of our plans and we need to be respectful and respond to their letter. I have not responded to the email below but I know we/I need to craft a response. Is Matt Hogan aware of the G2G meeting and do you know if he or Noreen plans to attend?

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From: Servheen, Chris [mailto:chris_servheen@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Ivy Allen
Subject: Re: FW: 33 Tribal Nations opposing Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting

Ivy,
I have a consultation set up with the Northern Cheyenne in July and am working on setting up consultations with the

Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Shoshone Bannock, and the 2 Wind River Reservation Tribes. Note that GOAL is an NGO, not a Tribe, so we are not consulting with GOAL.
Chris

On Wed, May 20, 2015 at 9:50 AM, Ivy Allen

<ivy_allen@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Chris, as you may or may not know, I have been out on FMLA for much of the last few months. I have not stayed current with this issue. Do you have any updated status or have the consultations been scheduled yet?

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From: GOAL Tribal Coalition
[mailto:goaltribalcoalition@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 10:07 PM
To: ivy_allen@fws.gov
Subject: 33 Tribal Nations opposing Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting

Dear Ivy Allen,

In a totally inadequate and unsatisfactory response I received from Deputy Regional Director Bryan to a letter I sent to Secretary Jewell pertaining to the opposition of 33 Tribal Nations to the proposed delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly bear, I was advised to address future comments to you.

Below you will find links to recent articles that were published in influential Native media sources that I hope you will find helpful in formulating an appropriate way forward on this issue.

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2015/017198.asp>

<http://nativenewsonline.net/currents/tribal-leaders-concerned-that-feds-grizzly-bear-czar-is-belittling-tribal-opposition-to-delisting-the-great-bear/>

<http://www.goaltribal.org/#!tribes-unfazed-by-feds-doubletalk/c1z01>

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2014/015996.asp>

It is not only Indian Country, but also the general populous that is now aware of this issue due to AP stories and national media coverage. Many are watching to see if FWS actually honors the mandated tribal consultation protocols that were strengthened by President Clinton in Executive Order 13175 (Nov. 2000 – ‘Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments’), and the Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies (Nov. 2009) issued by President Obama, requiring a “complete and consistent implementation of Executive Order 13175.”

In regard to the proposed delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly bear, it cannot be said that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has so far adhered to a process of “Greater engagement and meaningful consultation with tribes” as required by Executive Order 13647, executed by President Obama (June 2013). Indeed, FWS has yet to even meet the criteria of Secretarial Order 3206.

You should be aware that GOAL (Guardians of Our Ancestors’ Legacy) Tribal Coalition is now among the largest tribal coalitions in North America, consisting of thirty-three (33) Tribal Nations, which equates to every tribe in Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, a plurality in Idaho, and arguably the most influential tribes in Oklahoma. All have issued resolutions, declarations and letters opposing the delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly bear, and calling for meaningful tribal consultation on the issue – Deputy Regional Director Bryan’s offer to the Montana & Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council was not that.

Sincerely,

R. Bear Stands Last –
Co-founder, GOAL Tribal Coalition.

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