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Subject: Research project interview invitation
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Dear Dr. Servheen,

My name is Benjamin Richardson; I am a graduate student at West Virginia University in the School of Forestry and Natural Resources. I am conducting a research project evaluating the perceptions and applications of US Fish and Wildlife Service-Tribal consultation requirements in the grizzly bear Endangered Species Act delisting issue. The results from this study will be used to provide best practice recommendations for future consultation circumstances between federal land management agencies and Native American tribes.

This research project is being conducted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Master of Science degree. This is independent research, and is not affiliated with any agency or group. It is being conducted solely out of the researcher's interest.

Would you be willing to participate in an interview for this study? Your participation is voluntary. All responses will remain strictly confidential and your name will in no way be connected with the results of the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this project. Your input is important. I have attached in this email the abstract for this paper.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Richardson

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