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To: [Thabault, Michael](#)
Cc: [Serena Baker](#); [Seth Willey](#); [Justin Shoemaker](#); [Ryan Moehring](#); [Robert Segin](#); [Will Meeks](#); [Wayne Kasworm](#)
Subject: Re: FW: High Country News: Grizzly delisting decision
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015 8:32:36 AM

I agree with Mike that this relates to Yellowstone. These people do this all the time saying they heard of a date and what is our response. I doubt they heard any date. They are just fishing.

I have edited Mike's draft slightly as follows:

The Service is evaluating the status of the grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and other areas. The population in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is robust and healthy. We are working with the other management agencies in this ecosystem evaluating what long-term management will look like. No decision has been made to propose delisting and there is no timeline established for any proposal. We have received a delisting petition for the Cabinet/Yaak population. Our reviews of this petition are in progress and no determinations have been made.

Chris

On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 8:00 AM, Thabault, Michael <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

I think this is more in relation to Greater Yellowstone.

I probably won't write this well but something along the lines of....

The Service is evaluating the status of the GB in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The population in the GYE is robust and stable. We are working with all of the management agencies concerning what the long-term management looks like. No decision has been made and there is no timeline established for any proposal at this time. We have received petitions relative to other populations such as the Cabinet-Yaak. Our reviews of those actions remain in progress and no determinations have been made.

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On Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 6:12 PM, Serena Baker <serena_baker@fws.gov> wrote:

Hello Gentlemen,

Please see media question below. Perhaps we could respond with something along the lines of:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mountain-Prairie Region has received a petition to delist the Cabinet-Yaak population of grizzly bears, which is located in Montana, Idaho, and Canada. Our team of biologists are reviewing the language of the petition, the best available science, and on-the-ground monitoring surveys of this specific population of grizzly bears in order to determine if its "threatened" status under the Endangered Species Act is still appropriate. We anticipate publishing our decision as a 90-day finding in the Federal Register. This decision will not impact any other population of grizzly bears.

I hesitate to give a timeline. I welcome any and all feedback.

Thanks! Serena

From: Vanessa Kauffman [mailto:vanessa_kauffman@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:26 PM
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See inquiry. Cc'ing the region.

Best,

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From: Gloria Dickie [mailto:gloriad@hcn.org]
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To: Vanessa_Kauffman@fws.gov
Subject: High Country News: Grizzly delisting decision

Hi Vanessa,

I'm a reporter with High Country News and I wanted to confirm something I read in a recent AP story, that said the decision on the grizzly's bear delisting will be made by the end of the year. Is that correct? Is there any current timeline?

Best,

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"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something." - Thomas Huxley.