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Thanks for the continued dialogue around a post delisting management framework for GYE grizzly bears. I thought there would be value in memorializing our joint path forward. With that in mind, here is my summary of our agreed upon framework:

- We have agreed that our management objective would be to manage the GYE grizzly bear population towards stability around the population level that occurred in 2007 when we delisted.
- We have agreed at this point to continue to use Chao2 with the most recent demographic rates as a population index by which mortality limits that will result in stability will be established.
- We have agreed that we will only change the population index methodology with the agreement of all parties (state and federal agencies).
- We have agreed that the area in which mortality limits will apply (Demographic Monitoring Area) will be 19,2798 square miles vs. 36,776 square miles used in 2007 rule.
- We have agreed that the IGBC Study Team will annually establish mortality limits based on the current population estimate (using Chao2 as noted above) in relation to the population objective.
- We have agreed to update the Revised Recovery Criteria and the Conservation Strategy to reflect this agreement.
- States have agreed to update their management plans (to include season closures when female mortality limits are reached) as part of the Conservation Strategy.

Thanks.

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