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Subject: Re: can you send me the letter WY wrote in support of the revised recovery criteria....thanks.
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 12:24:39 PM
Attachments: [wyoming comment on demographic criteria.pdf](#)

2013, working with our state partners, we revised the demographic criteria in the Conservation Strategy and prepared a supplement to the recovery plan to result in population stability, so that if bears die up to the new mortality limits now, the population would be stable. We put these new criteria out to public comment in 2013 and will finalize them with the delisting rule.

Wyoming agreed with this approach and said in their May 13, 2013 WYGF comment letter (signed by their Deputy Director) on this recovery plan supplement: *"As you know, Department personnel, along with other qualified researchers and managers participated in the development of the draft recommended changes to the Supplement and consider the proposed changes a positive step in the conservation and management of the Yellowstone area grizzly bear population. The proposed changes represent a more scientifically accurate and practical approach to monitoring and managing the grizzly bear population."* WYGF copied the WY Governor's office on this comment. We had no objection from any of the states to these changes moving to population stability and in fact the states helped develop this approach.

On Wed, Sep 2, 2015 at 11:43 AM, Matt Hogan <Matt_Hogan@fws.gov> wrote:

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