

From: [Matt Hogan](#)
To: [Robert Dreher](#)
Subject: RE: Grizzly
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Bob,

Below is the basics of the agreement. Let me know if you think this is the right level of detail and/or if you would like me to join the meeting by phone to answer any questions:

- States have agreed to manage around stability (within the associated confidence intervals) at the long term average of the GYE population. We are defining long term average as average population from 2002 to the present. 2002 is approximately when we saw the GYE population stabilize.
- We have agreed that we will use Chao2 to establish allowable mortality limits per above. We believe Chao2 represents the best available science for this purpose because while we know it underestimates the population by approximately 30%, it is much better at detecting long term trends in the population.
- Per above, by agreeing to use Chao2 and agreeing to manage for stability at the long term average, states have agreed to take a very conservative approach to grizzly bear management if a delisting is finalized.
- The State of Montana has agreed to work with us to ensure any regulated harvest of GB does not interfere with connectivity between the GYE and the NCDE.

From: Dreher, Robert [mailto:robert_dreher@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:17 AM
To: Matt Hogan
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Matt, I'm going to be talking with some of the NGOs (NRDC and others) next week about where we stand on the delisting proposal. Can you give me a short summary of the primary points of our agreement with WY, ID, and MT? Is there anything that I shouldn't tell them about where we are at this point?

Bob

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