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Yes. Looks good to me. Thank you.

On Thu, Oct 8, 2015 at 12:52 PM, Will Meeks <Will.Meeks@fws.gov> wrote:

Betsy,

Good afternoon. We have been working on a succinct statement related to the article on 10/6 as it relates to our holding statement. We haven't had any further requests and will adhere to the holding statement if asked.

Are you comfortable with the Q and A portion of this? We just want to be prepared. Thanks for your review.

“The Service is evaluating whether to propose delisting the Yellowstone grizzly population. The Service believes that recovery goals for the Yellowstone grizzly population have been met, and is evaluating whether adequate regulatory mechanisms will be in place to ensure the long-term persistence of this important grizzly population and its habitat. We are hopeful that a proposal may be ready for public review in the next few months.”

Q: Why is this statement different than what was published on 10/6/15 by the NY Daily News which seemed more explicit? (*“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is drafting a proposal to remove the Yellowstone population of grizzly bears from federal protection.”*)

A: A number of regulatory assurances and related products need to be completed before any decision is made. The Service is now considering those and may propose de-listing if they can be met.

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