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Subject: FW: Constituent Concerns about Grizzly Bears
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From: Carrier, Michael [mailto:michael_carrier@fws.gov]
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To: Amy_Taylor@risch.senate.gov
Cc: Chris Servheen; Miel Corbett
Subject: Constituent Concerns about Grizzly Bears

Amy,

In follow-up to your conversation this week with Miel Corbett, it was great to talk with you today about the group of ranchers, property owners and other constituents who have raised concerns with you about the population of grizzly bears in the vicinity of Ashton. It was fortuitous that we were both reading the news release about the successful capture of the three bears that were frequently showing up near rural residences in that area.

By copy of this note, I am letting Chris Servheen (who you have talked to in the past) know that you will discuss with the constituents their interest in conversing with him, which he is most willing to do, and you will contact him directly if that is desired.

In the meantime, following is the current response of the USFWS on the status of the Yellowstone Ecosystem Population.

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Mike

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