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Subject: FW: Inquiry
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:44:50 PM

FYI, received.

From: Ryan Moehring [mailto:ryan_moehring@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:12 PM
To: 'John Platt'
Subject: RE: Inquiry

John,

Thank you for your interest in our efforts to engage tribes in our discussions about the Yellowstone population of grizzly bears. Per your request, I am providing you with a summary of our recent efforts, including a timeline of those activities and a link where you can find copies of our correspondence.

- In April 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Grizzly Bear Recovery Program sent Government-to-Government consultation invitation letters to the four Native American tribes within close proximity to the proposed Yellowstone grizzly bear delisting area.
- In November 2014, 26 tribes were concerned the federal government did not offer consultation to all Tribal Nations having a cultural connection to grizzly bear in the Yellowstone ecosystem. As a result, The Service redoubled its efforts in offering consultation. Our efforts include:
 - **February 17, 2015** — The Service sent letters offering consultation to the 26 tribes and tribal groups that had voiced opposition to delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly population as part of the Guardians of Our Ancestors Legacy's (GOAL) "Hey Bear!" campaign.
 - **March 19, 2015** — Tribal leaders and wildlife managers attending the Service's Mountain-Prairie Regional Roundtable discussed grizzly bear concerns.
 - **April 6-8, 2015** — Steve Torbit, Assistant Regional Director for Science Applications for the Mountain-Prairie Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, spoke to tribal wildlife managers about grizzly bears during the Great Plains Regional Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Meeting.
 - **June 15, 2015** — The Mountain-Prairie Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sent a second round of letters to 48 tribes, which included those involved the GOAL coalition as well as all tribes who had contacted us about this issue, offering consultation.
 - **July 6-15, 2015** — Matt Hogan, Deputy Regional Director for the Mountain-Prairie Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, made follow-up phone calls or emails to the 48 tribes to personally invite them to engage in G2G consultation, and discuss their concerns.

To date, we have conducted five Government-to-Government consultations with tribes that scheduled a formal consultation with us.

On November, 13 we are planning a tribal webinar and conference call to talk with tribes on the status of the Yellowstone grizzly bear population, listen to their concerns, and answer questions. We are working with our Regions west of the Mississippi River to invite all the tribes in those Regions.

We will also engage on a Government-to-Government basis with all tribes interested in formal consultation on this matter.

I hope this answers your questions. You can find copies of our correspondence to tribes on this matter here: <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/ea/tribal-grizzle.php>. Thank you again for your interest.

My best,

Ryan

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From: John Platt [<mailto:johnrplatt@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Re: Inquiry

Say about 3pm your time?

Thanks,
John

On 10/27/2015 11:59 AM, Ryan Moehring wrote:

Hi John,

I'm working on it as we speak. What's your drop-dead time for submittal today?

Thanks,

-Ryan

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From: John Platt [mailto:johnrplatt@gmail.com]
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Hi Ryan,

Checking in to see if you've come up with anything related to the grizzly delisting.

Thanks,
John

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On 10/27/2015 8:28 AM, Ryan Moehring wrote:

Hello John,

Our secretary left me a note, indicating that you called with some questions. Unfortunately, the connection cut out when you were leaving your phone number. If you would like to call me to discuss your questions, I would be happy to speak with you.

Thanks,
-Ryan

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