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Subject: Re: URGENT - YES Meeting Material Review needed
Date: Friday, October 30, 2015 8:57:17 AM

I think she is concerned that tribes are equal or secondary to science. Seems she wants some deference given?

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On Oct 30, 2015, at 8:55 AM, Matt Hogan <matt_hogan@fws.gov> wrote:

We can add a clause that say "we are working on the regulatory mechanisms to ensure we will ensure the bear is managed sustainable in the absence of ESA protections" Don't think we want to get in alot of details proactively beyond that but states might want to speak to that if it becomes an issue.

I'm not sure what the second comment means

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On Oct 30, 2015, at 8:50 AM, Will Meeks <will_meeks@fws.gov> wrote:

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Will I'm in transit myself and reading on phone.

Docs seem fine to me but wonder if we shouldn't be more expansive on what regulatory measures we are evaluating.

Also, I'm a little uncomfortable with some of the wording on tribal. We seem to be mixing apples and oranges with saying we will take into consideration their concerns (policy call) and balance against best available science. Might be better to weigh it against other interested parties and leave "science" out of this one? Id reword myself but can't on phone.

Copying Gavin and Huggler as well as Dreher.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Betsy and Anna,

Next week (Nov 3-4), the Yellowstone
Ecosystem Subcommittee (YES) will be meeting
in Jackson, WY. Richard Hannan and Chris
Servheen will be representing the Service at

this meeting. The YES meeting is an open meeting and will include representatives from tribes, NGOs and the media. We expect that there will be intense interest on not only the part of YES members (federal and state agencies, counties and 2 tribes) but also others in attendance.

We have developed 3 documents that we would request your review and approval that will provide the basis for the Service update at the meeting:

- Talking points that Richard and Chris will use to provide their update
- A document of expected questions and responses that we expect they may get
- A document we are proposing to handout to reporters and others to minimize the chance they are misquoted to keep with Dan's intent of not making news

Ideally, we would ask your review and approval by COB Today (10/30) as Richard and Chris will be traveling on Monday to the meeting.

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<FWS Talking Points for the YES Meeting_Roles_Final Draft.docx>

<FWS Handout Text_Proposed Delisting of Yellowstone Grizzly bear_YES_Final Draft.docx>

<Questions expected at the YES meeting_Final Draft.docx>