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Hi Chris. As you may know, David Kampwerth from our office is moving on to another position with Nevada BLM, so we are looking at filling in behind him on the YES. However, before doing so, I just wanted to check in with you to see if you thought it would still be valuable to have someone from E. Idaho FWS participate in the YES meetings/calls? It seems like it's a good way to remain engaged, even with the recent proposal to delist, since I envision that will be a long process to get through.

But I was curious about your thoughts on the matter. Any insights you could provide would be most appreciated.

Thanks,

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Fellow YES Members - please find attached a Draft Spring YES meeting agenda. Our meeting begins at 1 p.m. on April 13th and ends at noon on April 14th. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in West Yellowstone. A block of rooms is being held through March 15th and reservations can be made at 406-646-7365. Mention YES to get the \$89/night rate.

In consultation with USFWS, we designed this agenda to focus the first afternoon on understanding the Proposed Delisting Rule and Draft Conservation Strategy. In preparation for this discussion, we ask that Committee members be familiar with the USFWS documents - a link is provided in the attached news release. We will **not** have time to go into detail on individual agency or YES member review comments. Our focus will be understanding the proposals, the public review process, and formulating how YES will work as a Committee to work toward agreement on a final Conservation Strategy. A revised final Conservation Strategy will need to be in place prior to a final delisting rule going into effect. For the Federal and State agencies, the integration of the CS into agency plans insures the adequate regulatory mechanism that insures long-term conservation of the bear in the post-delisting world.

A few other items to note:

➤ We did not put out an official call for agenda items because these priority topics used most of our time. However, if any Committee members have critical topics, please send those to Dan Tyers or me by March 21st and we will try to work them in.

➤ Individual YES members are at liberty to provide comments through the public process on the proposed rule. YES's emphasis over the coming months will be to focus on the Conservation Strategy.

➤ The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is hosting two informational meetings/public hearing during the Yellowstone grizzly bear proposed delisting comment period:

April 11, 2016

2:00-4:00 pm Informational Meeting

5:00-8:00 pm Public Hearing

Holiday Inn

1701 Sheridan Ave.

Cody, Wyoming 82414

April 12, 2016

2:00-4:00 pm Informational Meeting

5:00-8:00 pm Public Hearing

Holiday Inn

5 E Baxter Ln.

Bozeman, MT 59715

➤ YES Members should anticipate additional meetings or calls over the next 6-8 months as we tackle our work on the Conservation Strategy.

➤ Our fall meeting will be held in Cody. We found only 3 weeks where it would be possible to hold a meeting there, based on available conference space. Potential dates include: October 11th - 13th, October 25th-27th, or November 14th - 16th. We will set the fall dates at the spring meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all in April and to our shared work in the coming months.

Thanks, Mary



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