

**From:** [Matt Hogan](#)  
**To:** [Frazer, Gary](#)  
**Cc:** [Noreen Walsh](#); [Thabault, Michael](#)  
**Subject:** Re: GYE Grizzly Bears Proposed Delisting Rule- Comment Extension Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 11:17:04 AM

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We will try to grab him.

On Mar 16, 2016, at 11:59 AM, Frazer, Gary <[gary\\_frazer@fws.gov](mailto:gary_frazer@fws.gov)> wrote:

Noreen/Matt -- Would you discuss with Dan while you're at the North American?

I appreciate that there is a lot associated with this proposal, but it is not the first time that any of these parties have been engaged in this issue. -- GDF

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On Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 11:40 AM, Thabault, Michael <[michael\\_thabault@fws.gov](mailto:michael_thabault@fws.gov)> wrote:

The first of many I am sure. Although not critical path in terms of time we will need to formulate a response to this and others before the end of the current comment period. I definitely agree with Chris on the hearings. I have not formulated a strong opinion on an extension per se.

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**From:** **Servheen, Chris** <[chris\\_servheen@fws.gov](mailto:chris_servheen@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 9:19 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: GYE Grizzly Bears Proposed Delisting Rule- Comment Extension Request  
**To:** Michael Thabault <[michael\\_thabault@fws.gov](mailto:michael_thabault@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Justin Shoemaker <[justin\\_shoemaker@fws.gov](mailto:justin_shoemaker@fws.gov)>

Mike,

Here is the first request for extending the comment period. My recommendation would be to extend the comment period 60 more days as they request and to deny additional hearings since we did these same two locations for hearings in 2007. I fully expect that we will get additional requests for comment period extensions given the size and complexity of the 3 documents we are asking for comment on. In 2007 we extended the comment period to 120 days.

Chris

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**From:** **Servheen, Chris** <[grizz@umontana.edu](mailto:grizz@umontana.edu)>  
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From: Keisha Sedlacek <[ksedlacek@humansociety.org](mailto:ksedlacek@humansociety.org)><<mailto:ksedlacek@humansociety.org>>>

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 11:52 AM

To: Chris Servheen <[grizz@umontana.edu](mailto:grizz@umontana.edu)>

Subject: GYE Grizzly Bears Proposed Delisting Rule- Comment Extension Request

Dear Dr. Servheen:

Please find attached a letter submitted on behalf of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) supporters requesting an extension of the comment period for the proposed rule removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife. 81 Fed. Reg. 13,173 (March 11, 2016). Additionally, the HSUS requests that the Service provide stakeholders additional opportunities to participate in public hearings. A hard copy of the request letter was also placed in the mail for you.

We look forward to your response to the request letter and please, let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Keisha

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Facebook <<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6041057841>>

Twitter <<http://twitter.com/HumaneSociety>> Blog <<http://blog.humanesociety.org>>

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The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization, rated most effective <<http://www.myphilanthropedia.org/blog/2011/08/24/humane-society-of-the-united-states-hsus-1-expert-identified-animal-rights-and-welfare-nonprofit/>> by our peers. For more than 60 years, we have celebrated the protection of all animals and confronted all forms of cruelty. We are the nation's largest provider of hands-on services <[http://hsus.typepad.com/wayne/2013/12/hsus-animal-care-around-the-globe.html?credit=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](http://hsus.typepad.com/wayne/2013/12/hsus-animal-care-around-the-globe.html?credit=em_staffsig_hsus)> for animals, caring for more than 100,000 animals each year, and we prevent cruelty to millions more through our advocacy campaigns <[http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/campaigns/?credit=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/campaigns/?credit=em_staffsig_hsus)>.

The HSUS is approved by the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance <<http://www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/national/animal-protection/humane-society-of-the-united-states-in-washington-dc-3129>> for all 20 standards for charity accountability, and was named by Worth Magazine <[http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/about/worth\\_top\\_10\\_fiscally\\_responsible\\_charities.pdf](http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/about/worth_top_10_fiscally_responsible_charities.pdf)> as one of the 10 most fiscally responsible charities. To support The HSUS, please make a monthly donation <[https://secure.humanesociety.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2320&2320.donation=form1&s\\_src=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](https://secure.humanesociety.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2320&2320.donation=form1&s_src=em_staffsig_hsus)>, or give in another way <[http://www.humanesociety.org/donate/?credit=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](http://www.humanesociety.org/donate/?credit=em_staffsig_hsus)>. You can also volunteer <[http://www.humanesociety.org/community/volunteers/?credit=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](http://www.humanesociety.org/community/volunteers/?credit=em_staffsig_hsus)> for The HSUS, and see our 55 ways you can help <[http://www.humanesociety.org/action/55\\_actions\\_to\\_help\\_animals.html?utm\\_source=staffsignature&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=helpanimals](http://www.humanesociety.org/action/55_actions_to_help_animals.html?utm_source=staffsignature&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=helpanimals)> animals. Read more about our 60 years of transformational change <[http://www.humanesociety.org/about/hsus-transformational-change.html?credit=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](http://www.humanesociety.org/about/hsus-transformational-change.html?credit=em_staffsig_hsus)> for animals, and visit us online at [humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org) <[https://www.humanesociety.org/?credit=em\\_staffsig\\_hsus](https://www.humanesociety.org/?credit=em_staffsig_hsus)>.

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"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something." - Thomas Huxley.