

Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Population Proposed Delisting



Purpose of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

- Prevent extinction of imperiled species, to recover, and return management to sovereign nations and states
 - Goal is healthy, thriving, and sustainable population in the wild
 - Allows classification of Distinct Population Segment
 - Not intended to list species forever
 - Not designed to restore throughout historic range
 - Service must focus limited resources on other species needing conservation
- Decision based on best available science