

From: [Matt Hogan](#)
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You bet

> On Jul 24, 2016, at 5:19 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

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> This'll work thank you

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>> On Jul 24, 2016, at 5:16 PM, Matt Hogan <matt_hogan@fws.gov> wrote:

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>> Let me know if you have any questions or want additional detail:

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>> * The Service received approximately 280,000 comments on the proposed
>> GYE GB delisting (we discovered close to 120,000 additional comments
>> in the system that were not at first detected). Note: At the IGBC
>> meeting, I mentioned we had approximately 165,000 comments.

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>> * The Service has processed all of the comments and placed them in
>> issue categories. The Service is not in the process of preparing
>> responses to all of those comments.

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>> * We also received the peer review comments back and the Service is in
>> the process of addressing issues raised by the peer reviewers.

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>> *The peer review comments have been posted to our R6 GB website.

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>> * Each of the 3 range states in the GYE have or are in the process of
>> updating their management plans and/or regulations associated with
>> grizzly bears.

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>> * Once all 3 states have finalized their plans/regulations, the
>> Service intends to open an additional comment period to get comments
>> both on the state plans as well as the peer review.

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>> * At the same time, the Yellowstone Ecosystem Subcommittee (YES) is
>> working on finalizing the conservation strategy which will have to be
>> signed by all the parties (3 states, USFS, NPS, BLM, USGS, and FWS)
>> prior to the Service finalizing a rule

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>> * The Service's goal is to have a final decision by the end of 2016.

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