

From: Servheen, Chris
To: [Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: Chapter 3 comments
Date: Sunday, July 31, 2016 2:28:26 PM

Let me know how they think it looks.

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On Jul 31, 2016, at 7:15 PM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

I think that looks good. I will provide it to Kerry for the park service to discuss at their Monday meeting.

J

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2016, at 2:31 AM, Servheen, Chris <grizz@umontana.edu> wrote:

Jenn,

Here are a few edits below IN CAPS to address the issue of allowing new developed sites. Let me know your thoughts.

C

On Jul 29, 2016, at 10:51 AM, Servheen, Chris <grizz@umontana.edu> wrote:

A few ideas:

Changes to EXISTING developed sites on public lands
OR NEW SITES are acceptable as long as these changes
OR NEW DEVELOPMENTS: 1) do not increase the
number of overnight USE sites and/or result increased
overnight human presence at EXISTING OR NEW sites;
2) are for the purpose of visitor safety, environmental
protection, or enhanced visitor services such as
outhouses, picnic sites, parking areas, or interpretative
displays; and 3) that appropriate sanitation and
human/bear conflict minimization efforts are associated
with any such changes or enhancements.

Thoughts?

C

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 28, 2016, at 5:10 PM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

I talked to Kerry this morning and he thinks allowing for increased visitor services without increasing overnight capacity should meet their needs. He is meeting with Dan Wank on Monday, the day before the YES meeting, to talk about this issue. It would be nice to provide some draft language by then for him to consider. It seems to me that we can add language similar to that already there for modifying developed sites "to reduce resource damage, detrimental environmental impacts, and/or the potential for grizzly bear conflicts" is applicable to the addition of restrooms and parking. Please let me know if you want me to take a first stab at it. Hate to have you working on your vacation, especially when you're retired!
Thanks!
J

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From: Servheen, Chris
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 3:40 AM
To: Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer
Subject: Re: Chapter 3 comments

Jenn,
I can see how YNP can think that they need some relief to do some management enhancements that will not result in bear deaths since we have given the states permission to actually kill more bears (10% of the females in the ecosystem including a share of Park bears) while they can't even put in a few visitor enhancements. My thought is that we allow NPS to enhance visitor services other than increasing campground sizes and numbers to allow them to help serve visitor needs while they continue to employ their successful bear management program. The justification for this departure is the long term successful NPS bear management programs. I would suggest that we try and keep campground sizes and numbers at present levels while allowing them to expand other visitor

services. Let me know what kind of response you get from them and I will help you craft an appropriate response.

I think they have a valid point.
C

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 27, 2016, at 8:53 PM, Fortin-Noreus, Jennifer <jennifer.fortin-noreus@mso.umt.edu> wrote:

Hate to bother you again while in Paris but as you know we're on this crazy timeline for Strategy revisions. The park service seems to want to get away from the 1998 baseline. Originally they presented it as an administration problem which I pointed out was already addressed. Now they seem to want more leeway on developed sites. In my opinion this would create problems for several reasons. First, if we let the park service have an exception then the Forest Service will want the same exception. Second, I'm not sure how we would defend it.

Thoughts?

Thanks!
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gunther, Kerry"
<kerry_gunther@nps.gov>

Date: July 27, 2016
at 12:42:56 PM
MDT

To: "Fortin-
Noreus, Jennifer"
<[jennifer.fortin-
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Jennifer

Up to this point we have complied with the standard and have not exceeded the 1998 baseline. However with visitation increasing significantly almost every year (we will likely set a new record again this year), we see a point in the future where the public may demand to have some additional infrastructure for visitor use (not admin use), such as restrooms with running water, restaurants, and parking lots, and these will become increasingly difficult to build within the existing development footprints. NPS managers tend to like to have options to make good decisions and the 1998 Base-line Standard pretty much removes

those options.
Since we have such
a good record of
protecting bear
habitat (22% of
park is seasonally
closed to
recreational use)
and preventing
human-caused
grizzly bear
mortalities (we
almost never
remove a bear
unless it kills and
eats someone), can
the Conservation
Strategy language
build in a little
more trust for us in
regards to habitat
issues, as it does
with the states in
regards to
managing grizzly
bear population
issues? PJ and I
have a meeting
with Dan Wenk
early next week to
discuss this issue,
and determine what
he can and can't
live with as far as
habitat
commitments.

Kerry

On Wed, Jul 27,
2016 at 8:13 AM,
Fortin-Noreus,
Jennifer
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wrote:

Kerry,

Has YNP already
made changes so

that the 1998
baseline is no
longer
applicable? I
want to make
sure that I clearly
understand the
concern that NPS
has with the 1998
baseline. As we
previously
discussed, there
is an exception to
the baseline for
administrative
purposes when
mitigation is not
possible. I have
added the
proposed changes
to the language
that clarify that
change is both in
capacity and
acreage.

Thank you,

Jennifer

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From: Gunther,
Kerry
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Sent: Tuesday,
July 26, 2016
1:30 PM
To: Fortin-
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Subject: Chapter
3 comments

Jennifer,

Here are my
comments on
Chapter 3. I do
not yet have
concurrence on
the 1998 baseline
standard. The
NPS has a proven
record of keeping
human-caused
mortalities to an
absolute
minimum despite
very high
visitation. Since
we have proven
we can do it, is
this standard
really necessary
for NPS lands. It
really restricts
our management
capabilities. We
are 21% of the
PCA but less
than 5% of the
human-caused
mortalities occur
on the lands we
manage.

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