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Subject: FOIA - CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO GRIZZLY BEARS
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Dear Ms. Hyde-Michaels and Ms. Cummins:

I request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (Public Law No. 114-185), codified at 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(8)(A), that you provide to me all records, of every kind and character, irrespective of form or format (including paper and electronic records), that were received by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service ("FWS") from, and/or sent by the FWS to, (a) any current or former federal, state or local official or agency, (b) any current or former member of the U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives, (c) any current or former member of the U.S. Executive Branch or (d) any current or former member of the legislature of the State of Idaho, Montana or Wyoming that request, support or oppose, directly or indirectly, removal of grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem from the list of protected species under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq. ("Requested Records").

The term Requested Records is to be construed broadly consistent with the meaning of the term provided by the FOIA.

If any of the Requested Records were, but no longer are, in the possession or control of your agencies because they were forwarded to another agency or agencies, please forward this request to the relevant federal agency or agencies.

This request covers the period **from March 23, 2016**, to the date of your response to this request.

I believe that many (possibly most) of the Requested Records are located in the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and/or the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Washington, DC; the FWS' Director's Office in Washington, DC; the FWS Headquarters Office in Falls Church, VA; the FWS Region 6 Office in Lakewood, CO; and/or the Office of the FWS Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator in Missoula, MT.

All Requested Records provided to the undersigned should show the signatures of the appropriate persons and the dates of their signatures.

I believe that no FOIA exemption applies, in whole or in part, to any of the Requested Records and, therefore, that no Requested Records should be withheld or redacted. The Requested Records relate solely to certain types of communications and have no relation to legal advice or any deliberative process.

If you decide to claim a FOIA exemption for any document, in whole or in part, please provide sufficient information for me to assess the basis for the claim. Thus, please provide (a) basic factual material about each withheld or redacted record, including

the originator, date, length, general subject matter and location, and (b) a complete explanation and justification for the withholding, including the exemption(s) claimed and why it or they applied; and (c) a statement of any interest that would be harmed by providing the document.

Please provide the Requested Records (a) within the time limit set forth in the FOIA and (b) in a readily-accessible electronic format as required by the FOIA with an index.

I will pay fees associated with processing this request subject to 43 CFR 2.37(e), (f) and (g). For this purpose, I am an "other requester" within the meaning of 43 CFR 2.39, since I do not intend to use the requested documents for any commercial purpose and am not a representative of any news media.

Please (a) acknowledge receipt of this request; (b) provide the assigned tracking number(s); and (c) advise when you expect to provide the Requested Records.

Sincerely,

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