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Hi Marj,

Below is an email Noreen/Matt could send to the whole RO to recruit volunteers. Last time, something wonky happened and it seemed like it took a while for ES staff to get it. It would be great if Noreen/Matt could send to the listserv with all Regional Office employees.

Hello Regional Office Employees,

The Ecological Services Program is looking for assistance with the review of public comments on our proposed rule to delist the Yellowstone population of grizzly bears. We recently reopened the comment period on the proposed rule for an additional 30 days. This review process will take approximately one week and will occur between October 11 and October 16.

We are looking for 10-12 volunteers. Biological knowledge is NOT necessary; we can train anyone on how to conduct review of public comments. Volunteers must be able to commit to the following:

- Participation in a two hour training from 9am-11am on October 11
- At least three full days of reviewing comments October 11 and October 16 (however, you are welcome to give *more* than three days). We recognize that this window includes a weekend. It is highly possible we will need the weekend days to complete the comment review (though the necessity of the weekend will depend on the number of volunteers we have); if you end up working on a weekend day, Ecological Services will offer overtime pay.

We have planned for all comment review to take place in a conference room in the Regional Office. We hope volunteers can bring their own laptops to use during the comment review. However, if you will not be able to bring your own laptop, we will likely be able to provide one for your use.

This is an excellent opportunity for people in other programs to get exposure to ES work, as well as learn the DiscoverText software, which is useful for anyone needing to deal with a large amount of public comments for other FWS actions.

If you are interested in taking part in this effort, please discuss the opportunity with your supervisor. Interested volunteers should contact Alex Kasdin via email at alexandra_kasdin@fws.gov or at 303-236-4217.

Thanks!

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