

**From:** [Kasdin, Alexandra](#)  
**To:** [Willey, Seth](#)  
**Cc:** [Alt, Nicole](#); [Rolince, Dan](#); [Marj Nelson](#); [Terence Thibeault](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Your help needed! Please consider assisting.  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2016 1:40:33 PM

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Hi everyone,

I spoke to Marj and Nicole this morning and they are supportive of using our funds to cover Diana's travel. We are looking forward to having her help. I will be in touch with Diana to share cost code information.

Let me know if you have any other questions!

Alex

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On Sat, Sep 10, 2016 at 7:09 AM, Willey, Seth <[seth\\_willey@fws.gov](mailto:seth_willey@fws.gov)> wrote:

Although we did pay travel for a couple folks last time and may again, we need to consider cost too. I am pretty the folks from the last round who traveled drove over. Billings might require a flight, which might make it a lot more expensive, so we would need to consider that. Might depend on how many other volunteers we got and from where.

Another option might be doing the work remotely. We've done some of this before and could consider this too, if they were interested.

We can chat more about this next week.

Seth

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 5:10 PM, Alt, Nicole <[nicole\\_alt@fws.gov](mailto:nicole_alt@fws.gov)> wrote:

I'm including Seth and Marj who can better answer the question about paying for travel.

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 5:05 PM, Rolince, Dan <[dan\\_rolince@fws.gov](mailto:dan_rolince@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Hi, Nicole. I have an employee in Billing, MT who is interested in assisting in this. Is ES paying for travel or just OT, if a weekend?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Noreen Walsh** <[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)>  
Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 7:40 AM  
Subject: Your help needed! Please consider assisting.  
To: FW6 All Employees <[fw6\\_all\\_employees@fws.gov](mailto:fw6_all_employees@fws.gov)>

Hello Region 6,

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 9 am-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 work outside the Denver area, ES can support your travel costs.

If you are interested in taking part in this effort, **please first discuss the opportunity with your supervisor**. Interested volunteers should then contact Alex Kasdin via email at [alexandra\\_kasdin@fws.gov](mailto:alexandra_kasdin@fws.gov) or at 303-236-4217.

Thanks!

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