



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
1849 C Street, NW -- MS 2342-MIB
Washington, DC 20240



ELECTRONIC MAIL MEMO

August 11, 2004

To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}
Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, Geological Survey
Director, National Park Service
Director, Office of Surface Mining
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Forest Plan Amendments for Grizzly Bear Conservation for the Greater Yellowstone Area National Forests, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Bridger-Teton, Caribou-Targhee, Custer, Gallatin, and Shoshone National Forests in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming
(ER 04/600)(Agency due date: **November 10, 2004**)

The Forest Service has requested the Department to review the Draft EIS for the subject project. The Draft EIS and Executive Summary documents are located on the Internet at:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wildlife/igbc/Subcommittee/yes/YEamend/gb_internet.htm.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the document from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Denver, Colorado by **October 15, 2004**.

The Regional Director, FWS will prepare the comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Denver, Colorado by **October 29, 2004**. Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to the REO.

A related review is under ER 03/602 (NOI).

/s/ 8/11/04
Vijai N. Rai

cc: Assistant Secretaries
REO/DEN

OEPC Staff Contact: Ken Havran, (202) 208-7116; kenneth_havran@ios.doi.gov
*Hard copy distributed by regular mail.