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Hi all-

Some topics to add to the list to discuss tomorrow:

There are some important issues to discuss in the Admin DEIS.

Referring to Table 2-2 (pages 2-9 and 2-10 in the Admin DEIS)

- For "Injurious, nonlethal take of problem wolves by private landowner or grazing permittee (e.g., through use of less-than-lethal munitions)", FWS is requiring a 'written take authorization'. CPW is not requiring any permit.
- For "Taking of wolves "in the act" of depredation on private land" and "Taking of wolves "in the act" of depredation on public land", FWS does not require a permit. I anticipate that CPW will require a permit prior to lethal take (at least in early phases, though there is some discussion of a 'retroactive' permit).
- For "'Shoot on sight" of problem wolves for private landowner", I think there is an important error to fix in the table. In the alternative element column, the description is for an 'in the act' scenario, NOT a chronic depredation scenario. This needs to be corrected.
- For "Additional taking provisions for agency employees" for #2, I think important wording has been omitted. When referring back to the 1994 10J, it states "B) *to relocate wolves* to avoid conflict with human activities". The "to relocate wolves" was omitted from the Admin DEIS (and our plan). It has gotten some attention by Commissioners and Opinion pieces, and it will need to be corrected.

Some public comment is saying that there should be no lethal take on public lands - want to make sure that I understand 10j perspectives towards that.

Are there any expectations for how CPW manages night hunting permits because of the presence of wolves?

If possible an updated timeline (see email from me 12/2/2022).

Plus anything else others might have...

Thanks,
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