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Crystal Mayfield
Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation
1472 N. 5th St. Suite 201
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Dear Crystal:

On behalf of The Science Committee of the Wyoming State Chapter of The Wildlife Society (WYTWS), we appreciate being asked to review 2 project grant proposals regarding the Memorial Bear Fund brought forth by Wyoming Wildlife - The Foundation (Foundation).

It is our understanding from previous discussions that the Foundation can provide up to \$8,500.00 for approved 2014 Memorial Bear Fund Proposals. We reviewed the proposals, in combination requesting \$8,461.54 from the Foundation, and we believe that both of these project proposals warrant full funding. The proposal from Craighead Beringia South requests \$3,461.54 to further analyze data ancillary to a current graduate project and ultimately test the efficacy of estimating black bear density in the Jackson area. If the stated objectives and potential results are completed and follow the merits of the scientific method, this would be advantageous and warrant full funding as requested. The proposal from the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation requests \$5,000.00 to purchase and distribute bear pepper spray, Bear-wise bird feeder poles, and media ultimately to mitigate bear-human conflict in and around Jackson Hole. If it is explicitly stated that Bearwise partners are included collaboratively in all components of this proposed project, and if the stated objectives follow the merits of the scientific method, this project warrants full funding as requested.

Again, we sincerely thank you for the opportunity to work directly with the Foundation and would be happy to provide you any other expertise or assistance as this project moves forward. If you have further questions regarding our review, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Maichak
WYTWS President

Dan J. Thompson
WYTWS Science Committee Chair