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Cc: [Broderdorp, Kurt](#); [Becker, Scott A](#); [Hansen, Craig](#)
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Thanks Joe for the questions -

Note that Liisa and I are meeting with Brady later today and we will get back with you on question 1.

Craig's response answers question 2 that we will not be asking for public comment during eh 30 day waiting period.

Adam

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Thanks Craig!

ES folks please note outstanding questions that I need to complete comms items:

- How does R6 plan to handle requests from R2/NM/AZ regarding gray wolves that enter their area after CPW considers wolves recovered?
- Confirming if there is public comment period opening with the publication of the draft ROD? Or if we are just publishing a draft ROD and noting the final will be published in 30 days?

I know Adam is working to get answers to these (thank you!) but just wanted to be clear with folks on the outstanding items.

Joe Szuszwalak (*He/Him*)

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I acknowledge that I work and live in the lands of the Ute, Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Očhéthi Šakówiŋ (Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota) Tribes.

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Greetings, Joe:

Just a friendly update that we expect to deliver this package to the RD's Office tomorrow. We have just learned that Tom McDowell, Acting ARD for ES, will likely surname in that capacity sometime today, as we have not yet received ARD ES surname.

More than likely, we will send without the following (which generally is acceptable for these types of packages and timelines):

- RSOL surname
- Cross-regional concurrence from Regions 1, 2, and 8.
- Concurrence from R6 OLE.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can answer any questions.

Craig.

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Greetings, Joe:

A friendly note to let you know that the the subject package is now making its way through

concurrent review and surname in the Regional Office ES. All of the package materials are available for your use here:

 [20230404_FR5308_Final_CO_Wolf_10j](#)

There will be at least two *Federal Register* announcements for this action:

- First, the [Notice of Availability](#) of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) and the draft record of decision (ROD), which must publish at least 30-days before the final ROD and final rule are signed, so this must publish by **October 6, 2023** (must clear DOI by September 29, 2023).
 - *Yesterday, we received some late-breaking direction to also announce a 10(a)(1) (A) permit in this notice, and we are still working out those details.*
- Second, the [final rule](#), which must publish no later than **November 15** in order to become effective by December 15, 2023. As a result, the final rule must clear DOI by November 3, 2023.

We hope to deliver the entire package to the Regional Director's Office for their surname by August 1, with a due date of **August 11, 2023**. We expect to transmit the package to HQ by August 14, 2023.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions or be of any assistance at any time. Many thanks as always for your time and expertise on this action.

Craig.

CRITICAL DATES (Ascending Order)		
NOA for FEIS & Draft ROD	RD Surname	August 11, 2023
	Director Surname	September 1, 2023
	No-later-than (NLT) date to clear DOI	September 29, 2023
	Target date to clear DOI	September 29, 2023
	Regional Director or ARD Signature	September 29, 2023
	<u>NOA PUBLISHES IN THE FR</u>	NLT October 6, 2023
Final 10(j) Rule	RD Surname	August 11, 2023
	AD ES Surname	September 15, 2023
	Director Surname	September 29, 2023
	No-later-than (NLT) date to clear DOI	November 3, 2023
	Target date to clear DOI	November 3, 2023
	Director or Regional Director sign the ROD	November 9, 2023
	Director Signature of Final Rule	November 9, 2023
	<u>FINAL RULE PUBLISHES IN THE FR</u>	NLT November 15, 2023



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