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Robert Barbee, Superintendent
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Yellowstone, Wyoming 82190

Dear Superintendent Barbee:

I have reviewed the draft EIS on the Fishing Bridge development. On a basis of this and my personal experience with the area and with grizzlies, I have concluded that Alternative E, with modifications, would be the preferred solution to the problem. In addition to the facilities retained, I would also consider keeping the service station and general store. In time, as the concessioner facilities became obsolete they would not be replaced. This might be a compromise that would be acceptable. The sale of some items such as fresh produce and meat could be halted. The main objective would be to eliminate attractants and grizzly bear and human presence in the area at night.

Although the general area around Fishing Bridge is optimum grizzly habitat the developed area is not large. When developments such as camps and RV parks are removed the grizzly should fare well.

If it has not been done, it might be worthwhile to consider development of small RV parks with no facilities. This would be for use of self-contained vehicles and probably for short periods of time and/or during the peak season.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Craighead

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President