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Comments: The Office of Species Conservation (OSC) would like to notify the reviewing officer of OSC's desire to be an interested party in any objections pertaining to Canada lynx, wolverine, grizzly bear, and ESA listed aquatic species.

Specifically, Idaho Conservation League (ICL) has multiple objections surrounding wolverine (pg. 31 - 34, ICL 1/26/24 Objection Letter) and grizzly bear (pg. 34 - 39 of ICL 1/26/24 Objection Letter) that OSC has direct interest in due to being the lead on the implementation of endangered species policy for the State per Idaho Code Section 67-818.

OSC is the lead cooperating agency for State agencies per our OSC - Nez Perce Clearwater MOU, as well as having commented on previous drafts in 2018, 2020 and administrative reviews in 2021, 2022 through the cooperating agency process. OSC's Federal Lands Coordinator Jace Hogg's contact information is included above for notification of relevant meetings and calls.