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Ref. : WHC/74/2574/US/PA/MR

Subject : **State of conservation of the World Heritage property of the
Yellowstone National Park (United States of America) (28)**

Dear Ambassador,

I would like to inform you that the World Heritage Committee, at its 34th session (Brasilia, Brazil, 25 July to 3 August 2010), examined the state of conservation of the World Heritage property of the Yellowstone National Park (United States of America). Please find attached in Annex I the Decision **34 COM 7B.28** adopted by the Committee.

The full list of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session is available electronically at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/34COM>.

Please note that the Committee requested the State Party to submit a detailed updated report by **1 February 2012** for consideration at its 36th session in 2012. I would appreciate if you could ensure the timely submission of the information requested to the World Heritage Centre. To facilitate this task please find enclosed an indicative format in Annex II for the submission of the state of conservation report.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*.

Please accept, dear Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Francesco Bandarin
Director
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cc: U.S. National Commission for UNESCO
U.S. National Park Service
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Extract of the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session (Brasília, 2010)

Decision: 34 COM 7B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-10/34.COM/7B,
2. Recalling Decision **32 COM 7B.29**, adopted at its 32nd session (Quebec City, 2008),
3. Welcomes the State Party's progress towards opening some areas to bison migration and enhancing stakeholder involvement in the Interagency Bison Management Plan;
4. Encourages the State Party to continue its efforts to secure bison migration routes, and to increase its engagement with ranchers surrounding the property in order to keep landscapes open to bison movements in order to ensure the effective conservation of this key species of the property;
5. Also welcomes the State Party's efforts to rapidly implement the recommendations of the scientific expert panel concerning the restoration of the property's native cut-throat trout population, and urges the State Party to ensure that adequate funding is secured to intensify lake trout suppression efforts over the next six years;
6. Requests that given the small size of Yellowstone's grizzly bear's population, the State Party seek to increase the population's connectivity with the larger population of bears in the region, and consider the need to further mitigate human-bear conflict;
7. Strongly urges the State Party to consider how recent delisting of wolves as a protected species in Idaho and Montana and hunting of wolves in neighbouring public and private land may impact the wolf population within the property ;
8. Also encourages the State Party to develop a more detailed understanding of the ecological role that the surrounding lands play in maintaining the property's values, and a long-term vision and action plan for integrated management of the property and its surrounding areas;
9. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a detailed report on the state of conservation of the property and the progress made in addressing the different issues above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

**Format for preparing a State Party's Report
on the State of conservation of its World Heritage property
inscribed on the World Heritage List**

Name of World Heritage property (State Party) (Identification number)

1. **Response from the State Party to the World Heritage Committee's Decision, paragraph by paragraph**
[Note: this information has to refer to developments over the past year or since the last decision of the Committee for this property]

2. **Other current conservation issues identified by the State Party**
[Note: conservation issues which are not mentioned in the Decision of the World Heritage Committee or any information request from the World Heritage Centre]

3. **In conformity with paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, please describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) within the protected area and its buffer zone and/or corridors that might be envisaged.**