



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Population Proposed Delisting

Purpose of the Endangered
Species Act (ESA)

Endangered Species Act

**Prevent extinction of imperiled species,
to recover, and return management to
sovereign nations and states**

Goal is a healthy, thriving, and sustainable
population in the wild

Allows classification of Distinct
Population Segment

Not intended to list species forever

Not designed to restore throughout
historic range

Service must focus limited resources on other
species needing conservation

Decision based on best available science

