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Subject: RE: Tribal Consultation or Climate Change

Krystyna, attached are DNR's comments on the NSA documents you provided, in addition to those provided by Kristen.

Regarding the Climate Change Chapter, we have the following comments:

Under GMA PROVISIONS, it calls for "a Climate Change Action Plan . . . based upon a local climate vulnerability assessment." It doesn't mention any more about this assessment; does it need to? I.e., how will it be done, by whom, timeline? Or is it intended to be left vague?

Three bulleted priorities are listed on p. 3. We recommend the addition of a 4th bullet stating in essence: "Invasive Species – enhanced monitoring and control/removal actions where feasible and appropriate"

Item 3 on page 4 could benefit from a rewrite. It currently says: "3. Based upon the findings of the vulnerability assessment and monitoring program, the Gorge Commission may determine that conditions in the National Scenic Area have significantly changed and has the authority to develop a Management Plan amendment pursuant to section 6(h)." We suggest changing the language from "has the authority to" to "may exercise its authority to."

Wonder if a #8 should be added, something like: "The Gorge Commission will support and advocate policies and legal mechanisms that contribute to reducing the sources and causes of climate change impacts." I.e., the Commission should help get to the root of the problem.

I've attached a strikethrough version of the Consultation chapter with suggested revisions. There were preexisting changes in red in the document sent so the formatting may be a bit off as it was changed from a PDF document to an editable Word document. Hopefully the comments are self-explanatory, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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