

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

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Clerk, U.S. District Court  
District Of Montana  
Missoula

ROBERT H. ALAND,

CV 18-16-M-DWM

Plaintiff,

vs.

ORDER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.

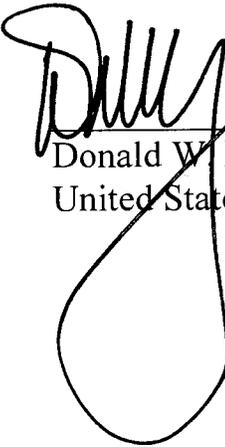
Defendants have filed a notice of related cases stating they believe this matter should be consolidated with five other cases challenging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2017 Final Rule removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear population from the Endangered Species Act's list of endangered and threatened species. (Doc. 39). Plaintiff has filed a response indicating his belief that consolidation is inappropriate. (Doc. 42). Neither side has submitted a motion or briefing on the issue. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants' notice (Doc. 39) will be construed as a motion to consolidate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, no later than February 26, 2018, each

side shall simultaneously submit a brief of no more five pages supporting their positions on consolidation.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Molloy", is written over a horizontal line. A large, loopy flourish extends from the bottom of the signature.

Donald W. Molloy, District Judge  
United States District Court