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Hi Nicole,

Here is a draft message to send to Ernest House Jr. (ehouse@keystone.org) and Steve Whiteman (swhitema@southernute-nsn.gov), and please feel free to tweak as you see fit:

*Mr. House and Mr. Whiteman,*

*Thank you both for reaching out to Kurt Broderdorp (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist stationed in Grand Junction) at the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) meeting two weeks ago regarding consultation with the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute tribes with respect to gray wolf recovery efforts in Colorado. While we anticipate formal consultation with your tribes being initiated in conjunction with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process (currently anticipated to begin in late June-early July of this year), we would like to visit with you both at the next SAG meeting in Divide to discuss initial steps, such as identification of appropriate contacts for your respective tribes, and coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the existing SAG process. Please let me know if you will be attending the SAG meeting, and if so we will work with the meeting organizers to set up a separate meeting at the same venue between you, CPW staff, and USFWS. If both of you are not able attend the SAG meeting in person, we will make arrangements for a stand-alone teleconference as soon as possible. Thanks again for reaching out, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.*

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