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*Designated Agent:* Implementation of the proposed rule will likely entail CPW and one or more Tribes in the State of Colorado assuming designated agent status. “Designated agent” includes Federal agencies authorized or directed by the Service, and the State of Colorado or Tribes within the State with wolf management plans consistent with the provisions of this rule and with established cooperative agreements with us or Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) with the Service. Federal agencies, the State of Colorado, or Tribes within the State may become “designated agents” through cooperative agreements with the Service whereby they agree to assist the Service to implement some portions of this rule. If the State of Colorado or Tribes within the State become “designated agents” through a cooperative agreement, the Service will help coordinate their activities and retain authority for program direction, oversight, and guidance. The State of Colorado and Tribes within the State with wolf management plans also may become “designated agents” by submitting a petition to the Service to establish an MOA under this rule. Once accepted by the Service, the MOA may allow the State of Colorado or Tribes within the State to assume lead authority for wolf management within their respective jurisdictions and to implement the portions of their State or Tribal plans that are consistent with this rule. The Service oversight (aside from Service law enforcement investigations) under an MOA is limited to monitoring compliance with this rule, issuing written authorizations for wolf take on reservations without wolf management plans, and an annual review of the State or Tribal program to ensure consistency with this rule.