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## **March 2018 BOD Report**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the judge in the federal C.I.T.E.S. Tagging case in Montana dismissed our motion to dismiss filed by the NTA and FICA. However, as part of their argument against our motion, the plaintiff withdrew their motion for an Injunction. You will recall one of our concerns was that even though we are confident the EIS/NEPA reviews will show there is no harm to the species, in the event plaintiff win the lawsuit the injunction would effectively stop tagging for several years while the reviews are conducted.

In the end, even though our motion failed, getting the injunction request withdrawn makes the effort worth every minute.