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Subject:	FW: Sage Grouse Decision
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Jessie,
Looks like Paul Steucke (JBLM Environmental Division Chief) has received some information from Martha Jensen (USFWS) that he is passing along. I'm listening to the announcement right now. Will call you sometime today for WA DPS specifics. Colin

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Subject: RE: Sage Grouse Decision

Sir,

I called Martha Jensen at USFWS, and she confirmed that the USFWS has determined to NOT list the Greater Sage Grouse at this time. This decision covers all of its range, to include those in Washington State and on YTC.

She forwarded me the same link, but off the official Dept of Interior Web site (www.doi.gov/video/greater-sage-grouse-does-not-require-endangered-species-act-protection). As well as a link to an article about the announcement (www.abcbirds.org/article/statement-sage-grouse-management-plans-and-not-warranted-finding-for-esa-protection/ - also in the attached email).

This is great news. It is due, in part to the efforts of many agencies (including our efforts) to help recover the species, so that the USFWs believes, if these efforts continue, the GSG can be recovered without having to list it. They are monitoring its progress and have reserved the right to list it still in the future, should these efforts end up not having the desired recovery effect (so we still have a significant management burden). BUT- it keeps the control of our lands in our hands... and this is very good news...

V/R

Paul

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Checking....

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Paul--I haven't sourced it yet, but heard the Fed'l government is not listing the Sage Grouse. True? Found this on YouTube:

http://youtu.be/OHUsVfmyXhg

Thanks,

Tom

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