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Subject:	FW: Sage Grouse -- Message from President Obama
Date:	Friday, October 02, 2015 9:01:01 AM

Greetings Sage-grouse Team,

I wanted to share with you Robyn Thorson's note below, where she transmits a string that originated with the President!

Please know that I am proud and very grateful for the extraordinary team effort you all put forward for conservation……..and that our efforts will continue!

Noreen

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Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:58 PM
Subject: Sage Grouse -- Message from President Obama

To: All Region One Employees

Director Dan Ashe has forwarded a note (below) that the President (yes, THE President) sent to Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, congratulating her and her team on the sage grouse conservation announcement. The President's note praises Secretary Jewell (and her predecessor, Ken Salazar) for unprecedented conservation successes.

Wow! This level of White House attention to the mission and performance of the Fish and Wildlife Service is terrific for our agency and for attention to conservation issues.

Deputy Regional Director Rich Hannan and Ecological Services ARD Theresa Rabot marshaled the Region One effort as the executives in charge: they have been outstanding and tireless. The overall effort for the entire FWS was led by Noreen Walsh, R6 Regional Director in Denver, and further executive coordination across this huge landscape challenge was provided by R8's RD, Renne Lohoefener. So many terrific FWS employees from Oregon, Washington and Idaho field offices, and the Regional Office, gave their total focus to this...and while those folks were working full-speed on sage grouse their colleagues helped them by picking up important tasks that would otherwise have gone unaddressed during the multi-year effort.

So, there are many from Region One directly involved, and many indirectly. But when the President of the United States pauses to praise conservation achievement of the Fish and

Wildlife Service, that means all of you and what we stand for. Our great mission, our great workforce...the President sends his regards!

Robyn Thorson

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Dan Ashe** <d_m_ashe@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 12:56 PM
Subject: Sage Grouse -- Message from President Obama

Hello All. Last night, Secretary Jewell shared this note, which she received from the President:

"Sally - You should be proud of the well-received sage grouse announcement this week. This is a huge accomplishment for the federal government, for the eleven states, and for conservation. Your team - and Ken's before - have achieved more wildlife conservation successes than any previous ones at the Department of Interior. Let me know where my team can help with implementation of this new model."

Kudos and congratulations, again, to you all and your respective teams. Pretty cool!

Dan.

Dan Ashe
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service