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Here ya go... please pass along to those I may have missed that would be interested.

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From: **Ralston, Brent** <bralston@blm.gov>
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Almost exactly 4 years ago the BLM and Forest Service set out to accomplish a herculean task - the overall objective and goal - to provide adequate regulatory mechanisms to protect Greater Sage-Grouse in BLM and Forest Service land use plans across the west in an effort to prevent a need to list the bird under the Endangered Species Act. Shortly after initiating the Greater Sage-Grouse National Planning Strategy we enlisted your assistance as Cooperating Agencies to help in that effort for the Idaho and southwestern Montana portion of that overall effort.

Our original schedule was a goal for completion of this effort by September 30th, 2014 - amend 98 (120 including Forest Service) land use plans in 3 years or less. Well, we didn't make 3 years but we did achieve four; AND our overall goal of preventing a need to list was also successful!

Yesterday, in Denver, Secretary of Interior Jewell announcement the completion and approval of the Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment Records of Decision (which will

be released in the Federal Register tomorrow September 24th); and the US Fish and Wildlife Service GRSG review results that the bird - "does not warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act". I have included a link to that announcement below which also contains a short video of the announcement.

GRSG Announcement:
http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/newsroom/2015/september/nr_09_22_2015.html

I want to say "Thank You!" for your participation and contribution to the successful completion of this effort.

The Final, Approved Plan and Record of Decision can be found at:

https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=42003

Again - Thank You! and if you have questions just let me know.

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