From: Stephen Guertin
To: Dan Ashe
Cc: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: Kudos to NRCS SGI
Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 5:42:03 PM

You bet.

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On Aug 20, 2013, at 7:22 PM, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov> wrote:

> Steve, we may want to use GSG as the (or one of the) focus(es) of our effort on that OMB management initiative. We could couple with NRCS, USGS, BLM, USFS and presumably the 11 states. Also NFWF.
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> Dan.
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> Dan Ashe
> Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov>
> > **Date:** August 20, 2013, 3:15:55 PM AKDT
> > **To:** Gary Frazer <gary_frazer@fws.gov>, Steve Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>, Rowan Gould <R_W_Gould@fws.gov>, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov>
> > **Subject: Kudos to NRCS SGI**
> >
> > Today we had Tim Griffiths, Dave Naugle, and Jeremy Maestas of the
> > NRCS Sage-grouse Initiative here in the regional office spending the entire day "unpacking" the details of SGI for ES project leaders and PFW state coordinators across the sage-grouse range.
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> > I had asked them to come and visit with us to walk us through all facets of SGI, the science driving their actions and the outcomes they have achieved, so we could have a robust dialogue about their accomplishments now, well in advance of 2015. They willingly agreed
> > and I can't thank them enough.
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> > They walked us through conifer removal, conservation easements, grazing management, wildfire/invasives reduction: the science that drives the actions and the outcomes they have documented, as well as

the ongoing monitoring efforts. ?We had great dialogue:
?questions,
dialogue, feedback, requests. ?It was tremendously valuable.
???I see
today as a beginning for continued close coordination.

Best regards.

Noreen

Noreen Walsh
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