From: Matt Hogan
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: RE: NDAA and Sage Grouse
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 3:39:38 PM

Interesting....completely inconsistent with what Rep Bishop said during the mark.

From: noreen_walsh@fws.gov [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Matt Hogan; Matt Kales
Subject: Fwd: NDAA and Sage Grouse

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> **From:** d_m_ashe@fws.gov
> **Date:** April 29, 2015 at 2:53:26 PM MDT
> **To:** Gary Frazer <gary_frazer@fws.gov>, Bob Dreher <Robert_Dreher@fws.gov>, Noreen Walsh <Noreen_walsh@fws.gov>
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> FYI.
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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:** "Conger, John C SES OSD OUSD ATL (US)" <john.c.conger.civ@mail.mil>
> > **Date:** April 29, 2015 at 4:23:40 PM EDT
> > **To:** Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov>
> > **Subject: RE: NDAA and Sage Grouse**
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> > Dan - Just following up. We've contacted OMB and let them know we'd welcome language in the SAP that strikes the sage grouse language. Also, here's the language we sent to our press folks:
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> > "Several DoD installations host resident populations of the greater sage-grouse. We have known for some time that the grouse population has been in decline as the bird's preferred sagebrush habitat is fragmented and lost. In view of the bird's precarious status, we have, in coordination with the Fish & Wildlife Service and appropriate State fish and wildlife agencies, taken steps to revise our

installation Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans to address the sage-grouse's needs. While some of the management actions we have instituted have necessitated changes in when and how we use certain areas of our installations (especially during breeding season), none have resulted in unacceptable limits on our military readiness activities. Because we have already undertaken these actions voluntarily, and expect to need to manage for the sage-grouse indefinitely, we do not believe the listing decision-regardless of the outcome--will affect our mission activities to any great degree."

John Conger
Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations & Environment)
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-----Original Message-----
From: Dan Ashe [mailto:d_m_ashe@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Conger, John C SES OSD OUSD ATL (US)
Subject: NDAA and Sage Grouse

Hello John. I hear the meetings on Pacific went well, last Friday. Sorry I wasn't here to attend personally.

Do you have a moment to discuss NDAA and Sage Grouse. If so, let me know what time would work and where to call. Alternatively, you can call my cell. 202-421-8228.

Dan.

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