From: Anna Harris
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: in the case of media inquiries this week
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Hello Noreen,

Thanks for thinking about this and outlining a response. I really like your first quote on the review process and meeting our deadline.

I don't think we need any more than that for a comment. The meeting in Fort Collins is business as usual for the Service. I may run this by Gavin in HQ too to get opinion.

And yes, I'm prepared to handle media requests this week,

Thanks,
Anna

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2015, at 11:50 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Anna,
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> I was thinking that if we were to get a media question about what is going on this week, I would like to see us have a simple, constrained response. Here's a quick thought of what that might be:
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> > *"Service staff continue to work to analyze the best available information about status, trends, threats, and conservation actions for the greater sage-grouse as we work to meet the 9/30/2015 deadline. No decisions have been made."*
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> In response to a follow up question about whether we are in fact meeting this week in Fort Collins:
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> > *"Periodically the team gathers in person and this week they are meeting to continue their review of such data."*
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> Or…….. maybe, we don't want to answer that at all. But regardless, beyond these two I would think we have no further comment. What do you think? Can you help us be ready if this occurs? One thing that is important is not to characterize us as making any decisions this week, as the Director is the decision maker and we are just working on the analysis.
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> Let me know your thoughts – thanks much Anna!
>
> Noreen

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