From: Riley, Clint
To: Dave Smith; Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: Fwd: Fw: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 4:58:52 PM

Thanks, Dave.

Noreen - See below from Dave. Of course, you'll be seeing him yourself tomorrow. Given that the letter from you is itself supposed to be a way to get USGS's attention, we may just need to name a USGS RD-level person and send it? But we can brainstorm more after you get back, if you and Dave don't have time to talk about it tomorrow.

Safe travels.
- Clint

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On Tue, Apr 23, 2013 at 4:54 PM, Dave Smith <dave_w_smith@fws.gov> wrote:

> Clint:
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> We've done everything we can to get an answer from USGS.....but no response from them yet. The ball is in their court.
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> Let me know if there's anything I can do to help Noreen.
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> Thanks,
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> Dave
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> **From**: Riley, Clint [mailto:clint_riley@fws.gov]
> **Sent**: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 08:12 AM
> **To**: Dave Smith <dave_w_smith@fws.gov>
> **Subject**: Re: Fwd: Fw: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter
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> In case you're already at your meeting and seeing emails sooner than checking your desk phone -
> Any update? Noreen asked about status, because she'll want to know what to tell people when she's at your meeting tomorrow -- preferably that she's ready to sign it, but if not what we're doing with it.
> Thanks-
> Clint
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> Clint Riley

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On Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 8:47 AM, Dave Smith <dave_w_smith@fws.gov> wrote:

Clint:

Yea, a letter here would be great! I'll find out exactly who within USGS from our administrative contact, Patricia Stevens in Fort Collins.

Thanks,

Dave

From: Riley, Clint [mailto:clint_riley@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 07:28 AM
To: Dave Smith <dave_w_smith@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter

Third attempt to send this to you -- time to use the other address!

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Riley, Clint** <clint_riley@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 8:23 AM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter
To: Dave Smith <dave@iwjv.org>

Looks like this didn't go through the first time. Obviously you've been involved.
Thoughts in reaction to Noreen's question?

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Clint Riley** <clint_riley@fws.gov>
Date: Sun, Apr 14, 2013 at 7:10 AM

Subject: Fw: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter
To: Casey_Stemler@fws.gov, dave@iwjv.org

Thoughts?

From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 08:03 AM
To: Riley, Clint <Clint_Riley@fws.gov>
Cc: Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov>; Debbie Schreiner <debbie_schreiner@fws.gov>

Subject: FW: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter

Clint,

Can your program take a look at this letter I would be sending on behalf of the IWJV involvement in SGI SWAT? Please have your program review and edit as appropriate, then forward for my signature. I would like to ascertain to whom the letter should go and send it to that individual specifically (not "to whom it may concern.")

Thanks,

Noreen

From: Naugle, Dave [mailto:david.naugle@umontana.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 1:25 PM
To: Noreen Walsh
Cc: Matt Hogan
Subject: RE: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter

Noreen,

The Joint Venture and I hammered out some text describing the issue with USGS wanting to charge too much indirect (37%) for the $550K going to USGS for the range wide genetics work (recall JV has a 10% cap for all agreements). Can you or Matt take our straw dog and craft it so it's meaningful from a Service perspective. Electronically sign and I'll transmit to USGS—I'm waiting on the email where to send but don't want to slow this process down. Thanks, Dave

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From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Naugle, Dave
Cc: Matt Hogan
Subject: Re: Naugle here - request for you to sign a letter

Hi Dave,

Thanks for offering to draft such a letter. I look forward to seeing it. Please cc Matt Hogan as I am out beginning tomorrow and back on the 12th and I am not sure how quickly you need to move.

Best regards,

Noreen

Noreen Walsh

Regional Director

Mountain-Prairie Region

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On Apr 2, 2013, at 1:26 PM, "Naugle, Dave" <david.naugle@umontana.edu> wrote:

> Hi Noreen,
>
> USGS wishes to charge the IWJV full 37% indirect on our $550K of SGI science money we are giving USGS to initiate their part of the big range-wide sage-grouse connectivity study with Steve Knick and Sara Oyler-McCance. Dave Smith is unwilling to allow them to charge >10% as per the FWS cooperative agreement—and rightfully so, all other partners have learned to live with this lower rate, which is the percentage allowed by NRCS for all its science agreements. Smith runs a tight ship, and he's worried that allowing a

higher indirect would unnecessarily open the JV/FWS/NRCS to scrutiny in an audit.

In yesterday's call with the JV, USGS Fort Collins Science Center requested that I gather 2 letters of support from you and Virgil Moore (Sage Grouse EOC – states) asking their USGS grants office in Reston, VA, to play nicely in this partnership and live with 10% indirect. If successful, Reston will grant a 10% waiver and the project will continue happily down the science path. Without a waiver, we may be searching for a new $550K of funding to keep this project moving. I spoke with San Stiver this morning and he's helping draft the letter from Virgil Moore.

If you're amenable, I'll draft your letter to save you some time, and then you edit and sign.

Just to be clear with all your roles, you would sign this letter in your R6 Director capacity, not your JV board membership.

Let me know, and hope all is well.

Dave

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