From: Shauna Ginger
To: Jeff Everett
Subject: RE: MT GSG plan in the news
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Thx. I may digest this and pass along to Paul et al with details, if needed

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FYI not sure why Garth didn't include you on this….

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interesting insight into the approach the MT team is taking and early reaction from USFWS .

the article linked below may kind of jump the gun a bit. It essentially reports on suggestions from USFWS to the MT sage-grouse planning team. The draft plan has place holders and appears to have many areas under construction – so I would guess the next draft could have some changes and additions.

Article reports that top issues seem to be insufficient surface occupancy restrictions (The draft MT plan called for .6 mile restriction, USFWS suggests 4 miles is supported by studies.) and not doing enough to discourage land conversion for agricultural. There are other points as well.

The article linked below is a short recap of the situation. Draft MT plan attached, as well as USFWS comments

http://mtenergyreview.com/news/updated-draft-sage-grouse-plan-gets-pushback-from-feds/article_45e1ea32-7159-5509-a4e3-7d6cda501b94.html

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