From: James Lyons
To: Noreen Walsh
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Subject: Re: ID sage grouse efforts
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I think I mentioned to you that I had a very good meeting with Virgil Moore re: sitting down to compare federal plans for sage grouse and the state strategy to see how we might work together to strengthen both. The meeting would have to be strategically timed (ie., post early May events in ID). But, to my thinking that works for us since it would be post the roll-up of federal plans so what we bring to the table should be "near" final. If this discussion were to focus on addressing the conservation threats for specific populations in Idaho where the state contribution to the cumulative conservation effort was critical this could help to limit our focus and increase the chances for success I believe.

In fact, as I have suggested before, this kind of conversation with other states around the same timeframe (i.e., post the federal roll-up exercise) might help us strengthen the conservation strategy for specific populations where the state-federal partnership will be critical).

We should discuss further next week.

Have a good weekend.

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2014, at 10:07 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Rocky Barker on ID sage-grouse planning:
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> http://www.idahostatesman.com/2014/03/14/3079561/protecting-private-sage-grouse.html
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> "*But Perry, Otter's counsel, said that if the state and federal agencies can develop a collaborative plan for the federal lands, they might turn to private and state lands in a separate conservation plan.*"