From: Ken
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: MOU to establish Great Basin Coordination Center
Date: Thursday, October 31, 2013 6:58:11 PM

I'm glad to help and be needed

Sent from my iPhone
Ken Mayer

On Oct 31, 2013, at 5:56 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

Thank you Ken!

Noreen Walsh
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On Oct 31, 2013, at 5:29 PM, Kenneth E Mayer <ken.e.mayer@gmail.com> wrote:

> Well there you go--shows what I know. Off the top of my head SLC is a good spot because it splits the difference. It might force more coordination if they were merged.
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> BTW I just called Joe about the BAR $ and he said that they needed $18 million and they got $15 million. So--he thinks that the $ you are talking about is #1 not enough and already spoken for. I did tell him I heard that they were considering merging the West and East centers and asked him what he thought. He said that it would probably help coordination and the SLC was a great location that would serve both east and west. So--there you have it. I hope that helps!
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> On Thu, Oct 31, 2013 at 4:11 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > No not LCCs! Fire centers
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> > On Oct 31, 2013, at 5:01 PM, Kenneth E Mayer <ken.e.mayer@gmail.com> wrote:

So that I'm clear they want to merge the 2 LCC"s?? My impression is, given what the Western GB has actually done, I'm not sure anyone would notice they are gone and now merged. That is probably more a product of the people in charge. There are clearly 2 perspective on SG (east vs west). However, I wouldn't have a problem with such a merge if the person overseeing the LCC made sure that both the east and west issues were treated equal. I'm afraid if the LCC was located in WY that is all they would be doing, while the west would be a found memory. Once again it all comes down to the people.

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On Thu, Oct 31, 2013 at 3:15 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Ken, please don't forward, but I would be interested in any thoughts you have.
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> Thanks,
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From: Lohoefener, Ren [mailto:ren_lohoefener@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Noreen Walsh; Robyn Thorson
Subject: MOU to establish Great Basin Coordination Center

I have on my desk an MOU that involves FWS (our 3 regions and 3 signatures, although R6 isn't identified in the MOU (but should be)), BLM, FS, NPS, BIA and NV, UT, and ID. Your signatures are required.

The MOU is to support merging the Western Great Basin Coordination Center and the Eastern Great Basin CC to a single CC in Salt Lake City. Shrinking funding is cited as the reason.

I have no reason to oppose the merger but it does seem like it should be viewed from the sage grouse conservation perspective (does this lessen, neutral, or enhance?) and since our 3 regions are involved, I wanted to make sure we were internally of like mind before I signed off on it.

any concerns?

Ren