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You got it, Noreen. Thanks!

Paul

On Tue, Jul 28, 2015 at 2:59 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Very positive developments with the OR state plan, as briefed by Paul Henson today:
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> Both the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Commission have jurisdiction over GRSG conservation measures that would regulate development, so two complementary sage-grouse rules regulating development and requiring mitigation on non-federal lands were developed. Within the last few days, **the rules passed both Commissions** - a major milestone for the "all lands all threats" approach Oregon has been working on.
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> The rules require developments greater than 5 acres to follow a robust "Avoid, Minimize, Mitigate" hierarchy in all mapped GRSG habitat in the state They direct use of a mitigation handbook and mitigation calculator (which was developed by a broad group including FWS and TNC) for unavoidable impacts. The rules require a 3% disturbance cap, with a limit of only 1% per decade.
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> One more piece of the overall OR plan is yet to come: The overall GRSG state action plan will be prepared for final review by Governor's office in about 2 weeks, and it is anticipated that the Governor will then sign an EO directing OR state agencies to follow the plan.
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> Again, very positive developments. Kudos not only to Oregon, but to Paul and his team for their outstanding cooperative work with all stakeholders in the state which was instrumental in this outcome. It will be good for us to

find the right time to thank key leaders in the Oregon process (staying low key until after the final piece is in place) and Paul can advise us there.

Paul, correct anything I got wrong – and thanks again.

Noreen

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