From: Lohoefener, Ren
To: Dan Ashe
Cc: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: Greater Sage Grouse
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Dan

Amy Lueder's response to BLM oil and gas sales in Nevada:

"We have not been offering any oil and gas leases in priority habitat since we began implementing the interim guidance. As you may recall the NV PACs are based on the state's safe grouse mgmt areas which 1. Did not include all priority SG habitat and 2. Which included non-habitat in addition to habitat. So I know the leases don't overlap with SG habitat, but I will have to check if they overlap with any of the non-habitat areas of the PACs. I'll let you know "

Ren

On Wed, Dec 11, 2013 at 6:59 AM, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov> wrote:

> These from today's DOI news clips:
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> **NEW DRILLING TECHNIQUES MAY REVITALIZE UTAH'S OIL INDUSTRY.** The Wall Street Journal(12/10, Dawson, Subscription Publication, 5.91M) reports that the next US oil boom could come from Utah. Utah, a top US oil producer as recently as the late 80s, had seen oil production drop significantly over the intervening decades. However, new drilling techniques have reopened fields once thought to be exhausted. Utah has a friendly business environment which, with the revitalized fields, should lead to oil output doubling within the next ten years. Utah is also home to the United States' largest oil sands, another area for possible development.
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> **BLM RELEASES OIL AND GAS SALE RESULTS.** The Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (12/11, 22K) reports that the BLM "generated about $1.9 million during its last quarterly oil and gas competitive lease sale in Reno on Tuesday, selling 54 parcels comprised of more than 93,000 acres."
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> Noreen, as we think about the foreseeable future, we should be asking the State what a "doubling" of oil output would mean for GSG in Utah.
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> Ren, any idea of how the 93,000 acres just leased in NV overlays with PACs?
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> Dan Ashe
> Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service