From: Deibert, Pat
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: GRSG: RE: Important Meeting Reminder: Disturbance and Monitoring Team
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:56:16 PM

Thanks Noreen. I have 2 conflicting calls at that time, and am trying to re-arrange. This is a weekly call that Lief and Lara usually attend, so we will have coverage, but will do what I can to be on the call as well.

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On Tue, Aug 26, 2014 at 3:56 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> I am guessing that they just set it up as a result of the post GB meeting discussions.
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> If you, Lief, Lara can participate I would very much appreciate it. I think this is an important, very important part of the overall fed land management strategy to be able to contain/restrain disturbance, so I believe it will yield benefit to the GRSG if we can get it to an acceptable place. IN addition, they REALLY place high value on your perspective and expertise on all these issues, for very good reason! You have high credibility and
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> can help shape this.
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sigh. I am unaware of the Thursday call referenced here - it may be internal.

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Toevs, Gordon** <gtoevs@blm.gov>
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Disturbance and Monitoring Subteam:

The recent Great Basin federal family meeting identified a number of inconsistencies. One of those was the various approaches to dealing with disturbance. We (this team) are tasked to have a proposal to resolve this issue BEFORE the Rocky Mountain federal family meeting in two weeks. It is extremely critical that you participate in the call on Thursday and the subsequent follow-up calls next week.Please make sure your supervisor knows the importance of these meetings and allocates the needed time to participate. If you or your supervisor have any questions, please give me a call.

Background: This team presented a number of options in the GRSG Monitoring Framework for calculating the amount of disturbance on the landscape in both the sagebrush availability measures and the habitat degradation measures. However, for the purpose of managing disturbance under a cap, having multiple ways to calculate disturbance is confusing and does not lend itself to the assurance we hope to provide to the FWS during their status determination next year.

Therefore, this team needs to clarify and define the relationships of the following:

* What are the management decisions the disturbance calculations will inform (cap for authorizing disturbance vs Adaptive Management triggers)

* How does the analysis area used in the calculation relate to the management decisions (population, BSU and/or project)

* Why is the BSU scale necessary

* What is the analysis area for calculating disturbance (PAC/PH or habitat)

* What data are used in the calculations (national, or national and local combined)

* How is fire included in the calculations.

We will be using the Webex to display this relationship in a table, so please log in prior to the start of the call so we can start as quickly as possible.

If we have time on Thursday we would also like to start the discussion on the formulas to determine the amount of disturbance as it relates to the disturbance cap.

Last Thursday, several of use started an inventory of the disturbance inventories going on in the state and, while this is still really important, it is somewhat on hold because this is a higher priority.

Thank you,

Gordon

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