From: Dan Gibson
To: Ted Koch
Subject: Re: Greater Sage-grouse symposium- TWS Western Section meeting
Date: Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:25:38 AM

Hi Ted,

I just wanted to verify that you were still able and interested in presenting at the TWS WS sage-grouse symposium. I got word from Steve Abele the other week that he was not longer able to participate, and I just wanted to make sure it was due a conflict with Steve's schedule and not a greater issue with the USFWS. If there are any concerns about the timing of the conference in relation to review of the service's bi-state proposal, let me know.

Thanks in advance

Dan

On Wed, Nov 6, 2013 at 8:32 AM, Dan Nonne <dnonne@gmail.com> wrote:

> Ted,
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> Thanks for the response. And you did understand my email correctly, thanks for agreeing to be a part of the symposium. Is there anyway you have some sort of abstract already prepared or that you could modify that I you could send me in the next few weeks for our program? A brief outline (250 words or less) regarding the range-wide listing decision would be all that we need.
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> Thanks again!
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> Dan Gibson
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> On Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 12:39 PM, Ted Koch <ted_koch@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Dan-
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>> If I understand your e-mail correctly, I'd be pleased to have the opportunity to speak on sage grouse range-wide somewhere in Reno on January 28.
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>> I look forward to more information when you have it.
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>> Thanks,

Ted

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From: Dan Nonne [mailto:dnonne@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 9:35 AM
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Hi Ted,

I meant to write to you earlier to make sure you were aware that the wildlife society-western section chapter has asked Erik Blomberg and myself to organize a symposium that will occur concurrent with the January 2014 meeting in Reno. I've gotten a tentative acceptance from Steve Abele (dependent on being allowed to travel) to speak on behalf of the USFWS in regards to the recent bi-state listing decision (i.e., what went into the decision, what the policy means, etc.) and I was wondering if you would be able to speak for the USFWS on the national listing process (e.g., what the USFWS is considering, how are they working with state and private interests, or something along those lines). I am trying to get a wide-breadth of speakers to discuss state and range-wide concerns involving sage-grouse from both a public and private background. Our proposed theme is "Greater Sage-grouse: Policy, Biology, and Threats to Persistence", and I feel that getting the USFWS opinion on both the bi-state decision and the looming national decision is critical for his meeting to be a success.

Logistically, this will be taking place on January 28th from 8:30-5, with the policy talks taking place between 2-5 (subject to change). This symposium is actually a separate event from the meeting (i.e., separate registration) and takes place the day before the concurrent sessions start.

Let me know what you think. Also, if you don't think you can present, we would still love to have you attend if you have the time.

Thanks in advance,

Dan Gibson

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