From: Dave Smith
To: noreen_walsh@fws.gov
Subject: Re: Fwd: sage-grouse range-wide conifer mapping
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 2:11:14 PM

Thanks, Noreen. I'll keep a tight hold here....appreciate the insight.

Thanks!

Dave

From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 10:02 AM
To: Dave Smith <Dave_W_Smith@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: sage-grouse range-wide conifer mapping

fyi, please don't forward and let me know if you want to talk more

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> **From:** Stephen Torbit <Stephen_Torbit@fws.gov>
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> **To:** Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov>
> **Subject: RE: sage-grouse range-wide conifer mapping**
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> We have had a lot of interest in the conifer issue, especially with the level 1 encroachment (I think that is correct), because it provides the most positive impact for SG. ⍰We have encouraged several investigators to expand the scope of their proposal to make it range-wide. ⍰If the IWJV wants to submit a proposal, that is fine, the due date is May 8th. ⍰We already have about 30 pre-proposals and expect to see 50-60 final submissions, so there is a lot of competition.
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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 10:32 AM
To: Stephen Torbit
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Steve,
Mapping current level of encroachment rangewide has not been accomplished but is needed to guide threat reduction. ﬁThis is an unmet need that IWJV could contribute in a short period of time, consistent with our RFP I believe. ﬁI'd like to encourage them to
apply under the current RFP. ﬁﬁDo you have any concerns or is there anything that would suggest this is not eligible? ﬁIs the closing date on the RFP May 8? ﬁﬁdo you need more info to fully evaluate?
thanks,
NW

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