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I think the SGIT could - and that discussion started today but with no resolution. My recollection is that being lek based was not a criterion for selection - its just where we ended up once the first areas were delineated (in part due to the non-migratory nature of most WY birds). So I am not certain the interpretation that it can't be included is accurate.

Activities that were permitted before 2008 are effectively grandfathered. However, the article seemed to cast some doubt on that.

Most of the discussions today focused on the EIS status of the project. The NEPA won't be done for at least 18 months, and Mark expressed that we would not be able to consider any protection plan that was derived from that in our upcoming status review.

No final decisions were made today, but I saw no inclination from the state to include it as an additional core area. Will wait to see what the final protections for this area will be.

pat

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 3:26 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thanks. Could the SGIT decide they need to be more than lek based?
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> Brian's comments in the article about VER's and there's no way to do anything other than let the NEPA process play out etc were not what I expected.
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I did listen in to the SGIT NPL discussion today - no real news, no decisions made. One interesting comment was that core areas were lek based and therefore wintering areas did not qualify. Will look through the documentation to see if that's true.

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On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 2:06 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

http://www.wyofile.com/sage-grouse-protections-face-gas-field-test/

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