From: Ren Lohoefener
To: Dan Ashe
Cc: Noreen Walsh; Mary Grim
Subject: Re: Nevada responds to sage grouse discussion
Date: Saturday, January 17, 2015 6:52:11 AM

Sorry, there is a 3% overall cap. Only certain types of disturbances - roads, ROWs, limited sand and gravel, geothermal - could be proposed for exceeding a 3% cap and those cases, should they ever happen, would be subject to the panel review, net conservation gain, etc. I did not intend to imply anything different than what we have been discussing.

Ren

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 17, 2015, at 4:42 AM, Dan Ashe <d_m_ashe@fws.gov> wrote:

> Noreen, could you please discuss with Ren, and then let me know what you both recommend. Ren, I thought we were discussing a 3% cap overall (considering all anthropogenic losses), but with opportunity to "except" certain things, based on net gain and consensus. Your description below sounds different, with only certain losses counting toward a cap (i.e., not mining for example).
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> Dan.
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> Dan Ashe
> Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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> On Jan 16, 2015, at 1:52 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > I can discuss at your convenience, just let me know what time.
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> > **From:** Lohoefener, Ren [mailto:ren_lohoefener@fws.gov]
> > **Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 11:50 AM
> > **To:** Dan Ashe; Noreen Walsh
> > **Cc:** Mary Grim
> > **Subject:** Nevada responds to sage grouse discussion
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> > Nevada takes wind off the table, no wind in priority habitat
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> > Nevada willing to accept the cap discussion. To reiterate, that is for ROWs, road, transmission lines, geothermal (I think), the 3% cap is in place. If there was a project that would exceed the 3% it would have to be at the consensus of a panel composed of FWS, NDOW, and BLM that the project could go forward while maintaining or improving the net conservation gain status of the species.
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> > They are raising a "want" regarding buffers where it sounds like there

could be a lesser buffer if the lek was not viable, but I don't fully understand that "ask" and I don't have language in front of me.

So we need to come to a conclusion on whether the Service could accept the "cap" language. I said I would try to have a Service position by next week.

Do we want to discuss this afternoon?

Ren