From:	Shauna Ginger
To:	"Jeff"
Subject:	RE: Listing timelines
Date:	Thursday, January 23, 2014 3:17:00 PM
Attachments:	SGTF Timeline_v5.pdf FWS.GrSG.timeline.revised.112213.draft 2.docx

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It is the sage grouse task force's timeline. I don't think it is sharable (can't remember where I got it) and is from October so may have changed...

I've also attached an internal draft (Nov) timeline I have in my files. I suspect it's changed (and is not sharable), too.
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-----Original Message-----
From: Jeff [mailto:jeffe657@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 2:37 PM
To: shauna_ginger@fws.gov
Subject: Listing timelines

Hey there -
If you are in your office and have a spare moment, could you email to me at this address that color-time line for the GRSG listing process, the one that is hanging on the file folder board thing in your office? I need to know when the CNOR and actual listing process including expert panels are currently scheduled. Thanks a ton and no worries if you are not around or busy.

Cheers

Jeff

Greater Sage Grouse — Policy Actions for States and Federal Agencies — Timeline

	2013	2014	2015	2016 — Beyond
States	*February* Utah Conservation Plan for Sage Grouse *Summer* North Dakota Revised Sage Grouse Plan *December* Washington State Sage Grouse Plan Update *Winter* South Dakota Sage Grouse Plan Completion	*January* Montana Governor's Executive Order on Sage Grouse Conservation Plan to be signed *First Quarter* Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rule Update including updated Sage Grouse maps		Empower the Executive Oversight Committee in the Implementation of the 2006 Greater Sage-Grouse Comprehensive Conservation Strategy
USFWS	*March* Final Conservation Objectives Team (COT) Report FWS LC Map Steward in Place *September* Bi-State Sage Grouse population Listing Decision *Winter* Publication of Greater Sage Grouse Candidate Notice of Review	*First Quarter* FWS Greater Sage Grouse Data Call *Fourth Quarter* Publication of Greater Sage Grouse Candidate Notice of Review Tentative: FWS Greater Sage Grouse Data Call	*September* **Range-wide Proposed Listing Determination or Not-Warranted Finding**	Long-term funding for Sage Grouse Conservation Prioritize Research
Other Partners	*Ongoing/Second Quarter* EOC Near Term Conservation Recommendations—Fire Update FWS/State Briefing on BLM/FS Draft Plans *Third Quarter—Fourth Quarter* BLM/FS Draft Environmental Impact Statements Released *December* Sage Grouse Task Force - Key Coordination Meeting for BLM use of state plans BLM/FS Briefing on Draft Plans	*First Quarter—Second Quarter* BLM/FS Final Environmental Impact Statements Published *Third Quarter* BLM/FS Records of Decision *Third Quarter—Fourth Quarter* BLM/FS Briefing on Final Plans and Status Assessment		Habitat Restoration

Developed for the Sage Grouse Task Force—Quarters are by calendar year—Last Updated 10/18/2013

FWS Greater Sage-grouse Draft Timeline (as of 11/14/13):

Now: Working with federal partners, state partners, energy industry and private entities to conserve sage-grouse

Ongoing – Verbal and written feedback given to federal and state entities per agreed-upon communication protocol from the Federal Family meeting.

Winter 2013 – Draft project plan for FWS listing determination process identifying staffing, roles and responsibilities, draft team structure, goals and objectives, identify resource needs, and begin to outline the schedule, deliverable documents, expert panel workshops, additional expertise, format for analyzing information, format and process for developing and finalizing decision recommendations.

Dec. 2013 – All BLM/FS draft RMPs available for public comment.

Dec. 2013 – Governor's Task Force common conservation metrics development process complete. If the TF cannot resolve then FWS, together with BLM and FS, will select and finalize metrics. (See attached white paper on relationship of metrics and criteria).

Winter 2013-2014 - Complete design of conservation efforts database.

Jan. 2014 – States have indicated that their plans should be completed.

Feb. 2014 - Conservation Efforts Database open for populating conservation action by federal, state, local and private entities;~~.~~

~~**Feb. 2014** –~~ Coordinate data call for annual candidate notice of review (CNOR) and initiate data call for the 2015 determination. Ask states to input data and test Conservation Efforts Database.

Comment [WN1]: Consolidate this and the above entry so that they do not duplicative

Feb. 2014 – All comment periods completed for BLM/FS draft RMP amendments and revisions. FWS will have delivered narrative comments and threats matrices (for each EIS) to BLM with explicit concerns raised at the individual plan level. FWS will also be providing verbal and then written comments on what needs to be included in a final proposed alternative to meet the COT objectives. Per Federal Family Meeting, BLM is to have preliminary proposed plans to federal agencies by this same time.

Comment [WN2]: I thought that was March not Feb?

Feb. 2014 – Federal agencies meet to discuss planning effort and roll-up/roll-out. Preliminary assessment of outstanding issues could be delivered at this time.

Comment [WN3]: What does this sentence mean? How can we deliver the outstanding issues without having received the CE analyses?

Mar. 2014 – Preliminary federal plans delivered to Governors. BLM/FS to provide draft cumulative effects analyses analysis to FWS for fatal flaw review. This analysis should include cumulative effects at the population, WAFWA management zone, and rangewide scales. FWS

Comment [WN4]: Are we talking about one CE analysis per plan?

Comment [WN5]: I thought I heard yesterday that the rangewide scale analysis will not be done until later

will identify specific issues yet to be resolved at each scale based on information provided and any other information available to us.

Comment [WN6]: I think we need more discussion on the February March timeframe and what we are saying here.

Spring/Summer 2014 – Work with BLM/FS to finalize RMP amendments and revisions.

May 2014 – Final EISs are complete and released to the public

June 2014 – Final candidate assessment update due to FWS HQ.

Summer/Fall 2014 – Host expert panels regarding topics with significant uncertainty or where expert panels would improve the analysis

- Using SDM and other structured processes, we anticipate convening several expert workshops to seek scientific input and analysis including a discussion of current and future affects to the species and habitat. This could be particularly useful in areas where there is uncertainty (e.g. climate change, invasive species/fire cycles and predictions, genetics).

Summer/Fall 2014 – Through facilitated discussions, evaluate potential for areas to be discrete and significant to the species including the Columbia basin population in Washington. Evaluate factors affecting those areas and their status later, during the range-wide analysis.

Sept. 2014 – BLM/FS final plans and Records of Decisions are due. Final state plans should also be completed.

Fall 2014 – BLM plan-specific cumulative assessments complete and range-wide landscape assessment are complete. These two pieces are essential for FWS evaluation range-wide.

Comment [WN7]: Relationship to March?

Fall 2014 – Complete analysis on Columbia Basin population (spec., is it a valid DPS of the species?).

Winter 2014 – Complete analysis of non-habitat based concerns (disease, predation, genetics, etc.).

NLT Dec. 2014 – Finalize data input to conservation efforts database (narrative, data in form of common metrics, spatial data)from BLM, FS, NRCS, State, industry and private entities.

Comment [KM8]: Do we want to reference the narrative we earlier discussed with both state and federal partners that "tells the story" of the data they submit, e.g., the impact of their efforts on threat reduction, etc.?

After Jan. 1, 2015 –

FWS analyzes habitat concerns – using SDM and a team-based approach, analyze information regarding habitat-based threats (fragmentation and its sources).
Using this analysis, develop range-wide analysis of the species viability including time horizon of threats, reliability of data, and evaluation of important areas of uncertainty.
Finalize species status report and/or other summary of scientific information based on the analysis and information compiled.

Spring 2015 – FWS will develop and discuss decision recommendations based on relevant information

Spring 2015 – Once decision recommendations are settled, FWS will develop FR document and will compile and finalize administrative record documents related to each major decision point.

Sept. 30, 2015 – Proposed listing determination or not warranted finding due the Federal Register.