From:	Dan Ashe
To:	Noreen Walsh
Cc:	Gary Frazer; Steve Guertin; Rowan Gould
Subject:	Re: Kudos to NRCS SGI
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Great idea Noreen!

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On Aug 20, 2013, at 3:15 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Today we had Tim Griffiths, Dave Naugle, and Jeremy Maestas of the
> NRCS Sage-grouse Initiative here in the regional office spending the
> entire day "unpacking" the details of SGI for ES project leaders and
> PFW state coordinators across the sage-grouse range.
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> I had asked them to come and visit with us to walk us through all
> facets of SGI, the science driving their actions and the outcomes they
> have achieved, so we could have a robust dialogue about their
> accomplishments now, well in advance of 2015. They willingly agreed
> and I can't thank them enough.
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> They walked us through conifer removal, conservation easements,
> grazing management, wildfire/invasives reduction: the science that
> drives the actions and the outcomes they have documented, as well as
> the ongoing monitoring efforts. We had great dialogue: questions,
> dialogue, feedback, requests. It was tremendously valuable. I see
> today as a beginning for continued close coordination.
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> Best regards.
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> Noreen
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> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
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