From: Lyons, James
To: Noreen Walsh; James Lyons
Subject: Re: FW: GRSG: draft, predecisional, internal and deliberative
Date: Monday, December 22, 2014 8:47:06 AM

Noreen --

Re your note on remaining issues:

Why 3.0 as opposed to 3.1 for disturbance distances? Just to be consistent with USGS report.

On other buffers identified in the table, my recommendation to BLM was that these be incorporated as "required minimum design features" for PGMA. Since we have NSO in nearly all PHMA now, the buffer distance shouldn' t matter. As required design features, they would be included in project design at the time that an APD is submitted. You recommend the "interpreted literature minimum" from the USGS report. Fine with me to suggest as more defensible scientifically. I guess we'll see how that is received.

Also, on UT you went with 3.0 disturbance buffer. Juan had proposed 4.0 for the W. Tavaputs in his proposed compromise to Kathleen Clark. Why did you elect to go with 3.0?

Remainder looks fine. BLM will go with no exceptions in stronghold for MT. WY still being discussed. Seems withdrawal should not be a big issue.

UT and NV still to be determined, but message to UT, I believe, was to go with proposal from Juan.

Talk with you later or call me at 202-815-4412.

Jim

On Sun, Dec 21, 2014 at 12:13 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Per our conversation
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> **From:** Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Sunday, December 21, 2014 10:13 AM
> **To:** Dan Ashe (d_m_ashe@fws.gov); Robert Dreher; Gary Frazer (gary_frazer@fws.gov)
> **Subject:** GRSG: draft, predecisional, internal and deliberative
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> Attached is the table we discussed.
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> Note that issues I recommend raising are shown in yellow highlight.

Note also that this includes issues regarding the buffer review resolution. We might still be able to attain closer agreement with BLM, if there is time for full and open conversation between technical staff with all information shared with FWS in advance. I'm forwarding our best recommendation from Pat given the information provided to her from her conversation with BLM Friday ("Was told the buffer strategy presented was a "30,000 foot" final document and that the details on a state by state basis are captured elsewhere. The supporting information was not provided, nor has it been vetted with our folks at the state level.")

Please call or write with questions, but note that I have misplaced my cell phone so am temporarily handicapped. You can text me, which will show on my IPAD, and I can call you back.

Thanks,

Noreen

Noreen Walsh

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