From: Stein, Theodore
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: Gov. Hickenlooper directs agencies to take additional steps to protect sage grouse
Date: Friday, June 12, 2015 2:31:09 PM

Yes - the official release.

The press release says the "Executive Order is attached."
The attachment has the seal and the governor's signature.

No prior email communications with Bruce about the EO.

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On Fri, Jun 12, 2015 at 2:23 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hey thanks Theo, it looks like the press release you flipped to Bruce was the official one already released by the Governor – is that a correct read of the string?
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> Noreen
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> *Noreen Walsh*
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From: Stein, Theodore [mailto:theodore_stein@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Fwd: Gov. Hickenlooper directs agencies to take additional steps to protect sage grouse

Noreen

It turns out that I did flip Bruce the press release on May 15 to see if he were writing about the issue.

It was a Friday and I didn't want to have him calling at the end of the day. (Email is below)

I didn't realize that the order itself was attached at the time.

As it turned out, Bruce was out of the office that day.

The May 15 story was filed by Kieran Nicholson. I sent Kieran your statement late in the day after he posted the story, but there was no attachment.

Bruce responded Saturday and Sunday, asking to interview you over the weekend. .

I referred him to the statement sent to Kieran.

Apologize if this was out of line. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know.

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From: **Stein, Theodore** <theodore_stein@fws.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Gov. Hickenlooper directs agencies to take additional steps to protect sage grouse
To: Bruce Finley <bfinley@denverpost.com>

Bruce

Wondering if you were writing about this today?

We have a statement from Noreen if you're interested.

Let me know...

thanks!

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From: Green - GovOffice, Kathy [mailto:kathy.green@state.co.us]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 1:51 PM
Subject: Gov. Hickenlooper directs agencies to take additional steps to protect sage grouse

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Office of Gov. John Hickenlooper

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Gov. Hickenlooper directs agencies to take additional steps to protect sage grouse

DENVER – Friday, May 15, 2015 – Gov. John Hickenlooper today issued an Executive Order directing state agencies to take further conservation measures for the greater sage grouse.

Hickenlooper directed state agencies to take a number of actions designed to reduce impacts to the sage grouse and its habitat. Those include: increasing coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, launching a market-based habitat exchange, taking inventory of - and improving habitat within - state lands with grouse populations and strengthening the role of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

"Our actions, in conjunction with the efforts of our local governments, landowners and many others to protect the greater sage grouse, have been extensive," Hickenlooper said. "With this Executive Order we are directing our state agencies and our partners to do even more to protect this treasured species.

"We firmly believe that state-led efforts are the most effective way to protect and conserve the greater sage grouse and its habitat. Conversely, a decision by the federal government to list the greater sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act would have a significant and detrimental economic impact to the state, as well as threaten the very state-led partnerships that are working to protect the species," Hickenlooper added.

In the EO, the governor cites steps such as “facilitating better coordination among state agencies, more detailed record keeping, a complete inventory of SLB lands, developing a tracking system for oil and gas development in habitat, reviewing the state’s 1200-series rules, and creating a market-driven habitat exchange program” as directives that will further strengthen the protection of Colorado’s greater sage-grouse.

The full Executive Order is attached to this press release.

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