From: Bush, Jodi
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: is this an accurate statement?
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I checked in with Jeff and he agrees that this is in accurate statement. He also offered the following additional information. JB

The 2005 plan objectives were to maintain current distribution over 50 yrs and maintain or increase #s over next 50 yrs - they included lek density objectives and male lek attendance objectives for each of the 5 FWP Regions containing GRSG. There was no stated overall numeric population objective.

The MT Sage-Grouse Council's strategy that they presented to the Governor for consideration in Jan 2013 had a "performance standard" that would have required the State to adopt a GRSG population target based on the # of displaying males. However, that standard was not ultimately included in the EO, and the EO does not contain any other specified or quantified population-related objectives.

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On Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 7:27 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jodi,
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> Please correct me if I am wrong:
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> In Montana's 2005 GRSG conservation/management plan, there was no objective specified as an abundance estimate (e.g., we need x number of birds in MT) but instead there was a series of objectives that dealt with maintaining lek density on the landscape and maintaining average number of males/lek within a range they considered healthy. In the Governor's 2014 EO, there is also no objective of a specified population abundance.
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> Thanks
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> Noreen

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