From: Deibert, Pat
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: FW: Plan for moving ahead on sage grouse
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Hi Noreen -

I think this approach is fine as long as we are talking about the state level IM - not the national BLM interim IM. If Ted is referring to the national IM that would create significant concerns for the other states around the range.

The only other concern I have is to make sure we are closely tracking the progress in NV relative to a range-wide level of conservation and any needed consistency in managing cross-state populations.

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On Mon, Nov 26, 2012 at 6:27 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Pat,
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> Hope you had an awesome Thanksgiving!
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> Fyi below. I think an incremental approach is better than being asked to concur on the whole enchilada right now. Any concerns?
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> Noreen
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> **From:** Koch, Ted [mailto:ted_koch@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2012 5:15 PM
> **To:** Noreen Walsh
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> Noreen-
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> Leo and his staff, Cory Hunt from the Governor's Office, and I had a good discussion last Friday about how to move ahead together to support the state developing and implementing their sage grouse conservation plan. I've copied Leo here so he can weigh in on my observations.
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> We think it may be best to strive for resolving and implementing components of the state sage grouse conservation plan as they are developed over the next year or two, with the BLM amending their Implementation Memorandum at appropriate times to accomodate each component. This way we avoid an "all-or-nothing" scenario where it seems the only pathway for the state to win is if we conclude we can support a completed, final plan that replaces the BLM's IM entirely. It will ensure the state has ample opportunity to test and demonstrate the functionality of plan components. And it gives all of us the opportunity to

achieve multiple, smaller wins that can help keep momentum. Nevada BLM Director Amy Lueders believes she can support this approach.

Please let me know what you think. Leo - anything to add?

Thanks,

Ted

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"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy" ~ Anne Frank ~

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