From: Noreen Walsh
To: Jeff Rupert
Cc: Theresa Rabot
Subject: RE: Meeting w/Dan
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:44:00 AM

Thank you! Seems like I was leaving you a vm at the same time you were sending this!

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From: Rupert, Jeff [mailto:jeff_rupert@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:08 AM
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Noreen, I may not be much of a help here and was I was confused by the idea that we're moving away from a risk-based approach to allocating BAR because there is not a risk-based model (capital "R") approach associated with BAR... So, I called and spoke with Jim Douglas for a couple of minutes this morning and learned that the Task Force discussed this last week and talked about the value of informing BAR allocations an assessment of risk and that we should be doing that (which I strongly agree). But, I haven't seen any kind of proposal for what that process would look like... I'm around all week to talk more if there is any way I can help--Jeff

On Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 9:58 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
Good morning all,
I'm not comfortable (with my current level of understanding) moving away from a risk-based approach for allocating BAR funds. I understood that the Strategy coming out of the SO called for a risk-based approach which makes logical sense to me.
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From: Theresa Rabot [mailto:theresa_rabot@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:35 PM
To: Noreen Walsh
Cc: Jeff Rupert
Subject: RE: Meeting w/Dan

Noreen –

Jeff and I discussed the Post Fire Policy recommendations (attached) at length, I think we both agree we have a better understanding of our perspectives. Based on that, I'd offer the following for your use with Jim Douglass and possibly Dan's visit with Kris Sarri.
Jeff – any additions/deletions/concerns please provide.

For ES, there's provisions for an exception to the 1 year time limit to allow for climatic conditions. That's a measurable improvement over the current, which has a funding cap at 1 year.

BAR – Currently funding is administered by the Department through a competitive process. The recommended approach fully distributes the funding to the bureaus based on a percentage of burned acres over 10 years or an average of the annual BAR obligations from the previous 10 years. The comment I made earlier about risk-based allocation, and which Ron and I discussed, is not in the recommended approach; apparently there are concerns based on a peer review that need to be addressed. However, what's important from our standpoint is that the recommended approach demonstrate a change – i.e., that full distribution to the bureaus will reduce a layer of review and be more efficient in distributing dollars quickly and the proposed distribution methodology will result in an increase in funds for BLM to meet their increased commitments made in the LUPs. The policy changes also increases the time frame for BAR treatments and activities from 3 years to 5 years, although bureaus may restrict the timeframe to less than 5 years. This also demonstrates a change, although it would help if DOI could capture why they made that change – i.e., to maximize success in sage brush? Although it doesn't say explicitly, it would be up to the bureaus on measuring success of those treatments, and totally within their discretion to do so?

The funding criteria for BAR includes the Secretarial Order, as well as continuation of ongoing treatment and continuation of treatments after ES/BAR, both necessary to long term success, and thus represents a change for the better. Although that may help prioritize existing dollars, it doesn't address the pretty clear need for additional dollars, even beyond what BLM would see with a different methodology (again without further explanation of the change from current it's hard to know).

I'll be out the rest of the week, in next week –

Terry

From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 7:19 AM
To: Anna Munoz
Cc: Jeff Rupert; Theresa Rabot
Subject: RE: Meeting w/Dan

Great and thanks.

We can coordinate something back to you.

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From: Munoz, Anna [mailto:anna_munoz@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 8:17 AM
To: Noreen Walsh
Cc: Jeff Rupert; Theresa Rabot
Subject: Fwd: Meeting w/Dan

Hi Noreen!

Per the e-mail below, we will be scheduling a meeting with Kris Sarri re: GRSG for late next week. In preparation, Dan would like to know what you consider to be the top 2-3 things related to GRSG and fire that he should emphasize in this meeting and if there are any specific budgetary aspects that he should highlight. Given that Kris wants to discuss the Secretarial Order, I've cc:'d Jeff Rupert and Terry Rabot on this e-mail, as well.

We are still working on scheduling, but I'll keep you in the loop as we know more.

Thanks,
Anna

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From: **Thorsen, Kimberly** <kim_thorsen@ios.doi.gov>
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Subject: Re: Meeting w/Dan
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Cc: Catherine Callaway <catherine_callaway@ios.doi.gov>, Amy Holley <Amy_Holley@ios.doi.gov>, Kimberly Thorsen <kim_thorsen@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Anna,

As we discussed, I think 30 minutes for Kris to visit with Dan would be fine. She wants to discuss the Secretarial Order, accomplishments, etc. I've copied Cathy who is Kris' EA. Is there someone she should coordinate with to find 30 minutes next week?

Thx for your help! K

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