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Thanks I will try to get smarter on this topic. After talking with you I did have a question. It is my understanding from my trips to sage country that, once burned, tall sage brush communities (WY sage) are exceedingly slow to come back (30 – 50 years); short sage communities and rabbitbrush come back quicker 10 – 20 years. I may be mistaken on these facts! If we are entering a dry winter cycle and hot summer, our fire risk will be increased and restoration efforts (germination and successful establishment of seedlings) may decrease. The monies that could be used to help stabilize burned landscapes are the same monies that could be used to initiate actions to minimize future fire danger in and near important habitat. Where is the smart place to use these monies? It seems like prevention may be the higher priority given the long restoration lag-time. If we can prevent fires in leks and core habitat when dollars are limited their use by GSG continues. Once burned, no matter how much money is put on the ground, the habitat may not be available for occupancy and use by GSG for years. Am I off-base or lacking the correct facts? Just trying to wrap my head around the choices we may ask Dan to make. We need to be supportive of our partners in GSG conservation but where is the best investment? rich

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I've attached Lou's briefing paper for now. DOI (office of wildland fire) has decided not to approve BLM's request for additional funding **for now** because they do not know have a good source of funding. However, DOI intends to pull together a group of executives from the bureaus to reconsider the request and determine a way forward. I believe Jeff Rupert will be our rep on this group and will have some opportunity to influence where this goes. I can provide more detail tomorrow. John

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Here is the call-in information for tomorrow's sage-grouse/fire call at 10:00am Pacific Time: 877-437-8982, participant code is 680740.

The focus of this call is on the fire / sage-grouse issue outlined below (John/Jeff - we are hoping you can lead us through this issue). However, the call will serve a dual purpose given that this is the same time as our normally scheduled tri-regional sage-grouse call. If you have topics for the tri-regional sage-grouse call please bring them up on the call tomorrow and please be prepared to update others on the sage-grouse happenings in your State.

John - if you have a draft briefing paper prior to the call, please forward it out to this group. Otherwise, we'll work off of your e-mail below.

Thanks,

-Jesse

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Hi all,

The FWS fire folks have suggested that we convene a call to discuss some imminent funding decisions regarding sage-grouse and fire (see below). Please save the date - this Thursday at 10:00am Pacific Time. A draft briefing paper is in development and folks at NIFC hope to get that out to us sometime tomorrow. I'll get us a conference line and will also send that out

tomorrow. Please forward as appropriate.

-Jesse

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Jesse, I'm sorry I missed you this afternoon. As I said on the voice mail message, I wanted to give you an update on BLMs efforts to revegetate potential sage grouse habitat that burned this summer. A few key points:

- BLM has determined that they need an additional $52M in Emergency Stabilization funding to rehabilitate the 2012 wildfires in FY13.
- BLM has an ES cap of $24.4M for FY13, and they would require to exceed the cap by $27.6M for the 2012 fires plus whatever ES they will need for any new fires in 2013 (probably at least $20M)
- DOI is considering their request to exceed their $24.4M cap, but there would be significant ramifications to the DOI fire program, including FWS fire management staffing
- I believe that there also a $100M supplemental request as part of the drought package, but that this has not been passed by congress
- BLM is urgently seeking these funds now because $33M is needed to cover fall operations and we anticipate that they will be coming to the Sage Grouse Task Force as well as MIB
- BLM is looking for operational assistance from FWS Refuges (primarily R1) and other bureaus to help complete fall seeding operations

When I briefed Jeff Rupert today he suggested I give you headsup and consider whether to have a conference call next week with the FWS group. I'd suggest having a call Wednesday morning to update the group and discuss possible options. This will give us some time to gather some additional information for the call. What do you think? Will this work or do you have another suggestion? Thanks! John

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