From:	Schneider, Janice
To:	Noreen Walsh
Cc:	James Lyons; Dan Ashe
Subject:	Re: FOR REVIEW: Final DRAFT Implementation Report - Secretarial Order Deliverable
Date:	Sunday, January 25, 2015 4:30:47 PM

Noreen, thank you very much for your as always thoughtful additions, particularly on a short turn around. I agree with them completely and have forwarded them on for inclusion in the final draft for the Task Force. Best, Janice

On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 6:02 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Janice, thanks for the chance to comment on the implementation plan. I've added a few things in track changes or comment boxes for your consideration. Here are the explanations:
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> Under the "Approach" and "Stakeholder" sections, I really agree with you and Jim about the role of the states. The whole approach will be stronger and have more longevity if they build it with us. All of your and Jim's comments on that are very important. In addition, I see the need for this Implementation Plan to add something very specific about engagement of the states as an immediate next step. They are mentioned, and I see that they "will be invited to participate as members of the working Group" but I think a tangible next step is important either to state in here, or simply to execute by reaching out to the Governors' offices before they even receive the document. That may be well underway, so forgive me if this is redundant.
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> Under 7(b)ii, I added a comment to explicitly incorporate coordination with states to ensure commensurate fed and state approaches to prioritizing and allocating fire management assets.
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> Under 7(b)iv, I suggested the following to ensure that we are committed to monitor and learn as we go:
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> - Commit to an adaptive management approach, including as a first priority development or refinement of monitoring protocols that will allow for a determination of whether management and restoration projects achieved desired objectives.

7(b)vi and 7(b) vii seem very similar to me. In either section, I would really like to see an acknowledgement of the need to develop not just a research strategy, but a holistic, cross-jurisdictional, multi-partner effort that will have some longevity in this system, because the challenges will take some time to fully address. Bringing all relevant parties together to cooperate on needed research, development of decision support tools, development and sharing of effective management practices, development of monitoring protocols, and testing of key assumptions relative to the restoration and management of sage-steppe in the face of fire and invasives is needed. To be most effective, this should not be a strictly federal enterprise, or a federal mandate, but something that grows organically from the variety of ongoing efforts, and it could be really catalyzed by from DOI interest and support. We currently have 5 LCCs covering sage-grouse range, 11 states, and at least one Joint Venture heavily involved in sage-steppe conservation, but we as of today have no one "center of excellence" that serves as a clearinghouse and helps avoid duplication and share best practices. I added the following bullet to try and capture the idea for further discussion:

- Facilitate and support a cross jurisdictional consortium of agencies and organizations dedicated to robust, experimental research and development of resulting management tools necessary to execute restoration activities leading to a healthy ecosystem

Thanks again for the chance to take a look at the excellent and quick work on the part of the interagency team,

Noreen

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Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 12:22 PM
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From: **Schneider, Janice** <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov>
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Attached are ASLM comments. First, congratulations to the team, which did an amazing amount of work in a very short period of time. This is a very high quality product. You will see that we propose to add a new section to clearly capture the notion that we will be delivering a long term strategy to the Secretary, including to more expressly address certain items that the Secretary feels very strongly about (such as enhance training, RFPAs, veteran crews, etc.). That new section is currently at the back of the document, but I propose to move it forward right after the process section of the document for the next draft. Also as I noted earlier, this is on the first draft sent to me (so does not include Kris's comments and the docs will need to be merged). Thanks again for the hard work on this. It certainly shows. Janice

On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 1:22 PM, Kimberly Thorsen <kim_thorsen@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thx Christie. I'll review after all the edits are done and a few of us can huddle tomorrow morning to talk thru next steps. Thx

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On Jan 25, 2015, at 12:48 PM, Wiley, Christine <christine_wiley@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Perfect! Thank you all for taking the time today to provide feedback!
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> Christie
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> On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 12:43 PM, Schneider, Janice <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> his comments and my comments are consolidated on the same Word doc. Thank you!
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> On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 12:41 PM, Wiley, Christine <christine_wiley@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> That sounds great Janice. Will I also be receiving edits from Jim Lyons, as well?
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> On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 12:38 PM, Schneider, Janice <janice_schneider@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> ASLM has a number of comments; hope to have those to you in about an hour. The comments are on an earlier version and will need to be merged with this version. Thx
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> On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 12:35 PM, Wiley, Christine <christine_wiley@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon. Using tracked changes is great for me--the one who captures the edits; but certainly does not make it easy for the folks who are looking at those documents on a variety of devices. Looking at the document again, after accepting the recommended changes, we found that the suggested edit on page 2 does not change the original meaning and will be incorporated into the document as suggested.

Thank you.

Christie

On Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 11:36 AM, Douglas, James <james_douglas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

thanks, Kris. I have only two substantive points in response, both show as comments in attached:

1. we did not have non-feds on the Working Group so we need to be careful about phrasing middle of page 2

2. it's not clear how the Plan will be approved - an issue we need to discuss with Task Force on Tuesday. See my comment on page 3

Jerry - please look at the edits on consultation to make sure the substance didn't get changed in an inappropriate way.

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On Sat, Jan 24, 2015 at 11:58 PM, Sarri, Kristen (Kris) <kristen_sarri@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks very much to everyone for all of the hard work on the Implementation Plan. I can tell the incredible amount of work that went into the document and in a very short time! Thank you.

Attached are my edits. Nothing of substance -- edits for consistency and to get rid of passive voice.

On Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 7:59 PM, Kimberly Thorsen <kim_thorsen@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Janice/Kris/Jim,

Attached is the final DRAFT version of the Implementation Plan developed by the Working Group this week. The Group really focused and put a lot of attention and energy into the week. The collaboration and synergy were amazing.

Remember that this document is only the Implementation Plan, essentially a roadmap on how we'll accomplish the initial action plan by March 1 and final action plan by May 1. This is not meant to provide a list of specific outcomes or results, but rather how we will get there, who we'll reach out to, and a general overview of issues at hand.

We would like to get your redlined comments by noon on Sunday; please send to Christie Wiley, copied on this e-mail. Sorry for the short turn around, it's been that kind of week. We'll finalize the document Sunday afternoon and polish any final issues Monday morning. Our goal is to send to the Task Force members on Monday so all have an opportunity to review prior to the meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thx K

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