From: Christie McGregor
To: Schreiner, Debbie
Cc: Hogan, Matt; Walsh, Noreen; Guertin, Stephen
Subject: RE: Intro & FWS/TNC Partners Meeting this Fall?
Date: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 3:35:26 PM
Attachments: TNC-FWS Region 6 Partnership Mtg Agenda (Draft).docx

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Steve, Noreen and Matt –

Attached is a draft agenda for the meeting on Oct. 31st. These are topics that were suggested by our Chapters, so I hope this is in line with what you're thinking. Please take a look at the suggested items and let me know if there are any edits, particularly to the section that deals with your vision for the region and those who will be participating from FWS. As you will note, I have included Eric Alvarez on the agenda. He is trying to attend a number of these regional meetings and has this date tentatively marked on his calendar. I am confirming this week.

Also, do you have a point of contact from FWS that you would prefer that I work with moving forward? I'm sure there will be a number of details to finalize for the meeting and it would know who I should reach out to from your staff.

I look forward to meeting you in a few weeks.

Best,
Christie McGregor

From: Christie McGregor
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2012 4:56 PM
To: Schreiner, Debbie
Cc: Christy Plumer
Subject: Re: Intro & FWS/TNC Partners Meeting this Fall?

Hi Debbie

Christy Plumer and I have checked with our staff and have a few key topics that they've identified. We are hoping that Steve and Noreen can stay for the first two hrs to discuss the vision for the region and the direction of the Refuge/Realty program in terms of large landscapes and AGO. The other topics we would like to cover are: LCCs, Great plains HCP, Partners Programs, Ecological Services, and specific projects, such as Flint Hills, Dakota Grasslands, Missouri String of pearls, Crown of the Continent and San Luis Valley.

A few of our staff are flying in that morning, so we would like to start at 930 and run though most of the day--ending at 430. We're hoping that Steve and Noreen can stay until/through lunch at 1230.

We will send you a rough draft of the agenda by mid-week. Also, can you let me know who I should work with in FWS to finalize the agenda and identify staff from your end who should attend the mtg?

Thanks,
Christie

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2012, at 10:03 AM, "Schreiner, Debbie" <debbie_schreiner@fws.gov> wrote:

> Christie – Do you have a proposed agenda yet? I also need to confirm a time for the meeting for Steve and Noreen's calendars and how much time you will need for the meeting.
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> Thanks.
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> Debbie Schreiner
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From: Christie McGregor [mailto:cmcgregor@TNC.ORG]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 12:06 PM
To: Walsh, Noreen; Christy Plumer; Guertin, Stephen
Cc: Hogan, Matt; Schreiner, Debbie
Subject: RE: Intro & FWS/TNC Partners Meeting this Fall?

Hi all,

I'm sorry for not responding sooner, but I've been on vacation for the last week.

I'm glad this date works well for everyone for a Region 6. I will already be out there for work, so it allows me to add on a few days at the end of my trip.

As Christy mentioned, I recently worked with Tom Melius and his staff in Region 3 to coordinate a full day meeting with FWS and TNC staff. It was a pretty healthy agenda, but we were able to make good progress on a number of issues in a short period of time. I worked with Jim Leach to draft the agenda based on feedback from our staff and FWS re. the highest priorities/goals for the region, and I'm happy to help in this roll again.

Christy is gone through the end of the month, but if it works for you, I will start reaching out to our staff to get initial thoughts re. key topics and can start thinking through a draft agenda. Also, I would love to talk with each of you, in order to introduce myself and get your feedback prior to the meeting. I'll email you each separately to see if there is a time this week or next that would work for your schedule.

I look forward to working with you in my new role and to seeing you in October.

Christie

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From: Walsh, Noreen [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Christy Plumer; Guertin, Stephen
Cc: Hogan, Matt; Christie McGregor; Schreiner, Debbie
Subject: RE: Intro & FWS/TNC Partners Meeting this Fall?

Hi all,

That date looks like it would work well for me. Matt will be back in Monday and we can check with him at that time.

Have a great weekend,

Noreen

Noreen Walsh
Deputy Regional Director
Mountain-Prairie Region

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From: Christy Plumer [mailto:cplumer@TNC.ORG]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Guertin, Stephen
Cc: Hogan, Matt; Christie McGregor; Walsh, Noreen; Schreiner, Debbie
Subject: RE: Intro & FWS/TNC Partners Meeting this Fall?

Thanks Steve – Christie and I look forward to working with you, Noreen and Matt on this. Noreen and Matt – when you both have an opportunity, please let us know if the 10/30 date looks okay on your ends for a meeting.

Many thanks!
Christy

From: Guertin, Stephen [mailto:Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 12:51 AM
To: Christy Plumer
Cc: Hogan, Matt; Christie McGregor; Walsh, Noreen; Schreiner, Debbie
Subject: Re: Intro & FWS/TNC Partners Meeting this Fall?

We would be glad to hold this type of meeting with TNC and Region 6 and from what I can see October 30 th should be a good date. I will need to hear from Noreen and Matt and our other folks.

Thanks for your note Christy and we will start getting something organized.

(Matt should return from family leave in the foreseeable future and I'm up here in Jackson WY for National Eld Refuge 100 th).

Steve

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 9, 2012, at 1:01 PM, "Christy Plumer" <cplumer@tnc.org> wrote:

> Hi Steve and Matt,
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> I would like to introduce you both to Christie McGregor, our new Senior Policy Advisor for Fish and Wildlife. Christie came on board our U.S. Government Relations Team this past spring and originally hails from our SC Chapter. As I've shifted into Tom Cassidy's former position, we're thrilled to have Christie on board and covering FWS issues!
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> As we head into the fall, Christie and I are very interested in working with both of you and your staff to look at the opportunity of pulling together another FWS/TNC partners meeting similar to the one we had with you during the AFWA meeting in Omaha, but also taking a look at possibly expanding the meeting scope a bit broader to include additional programs/topics (HCPs, Partners Program, LCC's to name a few) in addition to refuges/AGO collaborative landscapes. Christie worked with Tom Melius and his staff on a similar meeting with Region 3 this week, and as we've been looking at our portfolio of work with the FWS, we would really like to have a similar meeting with Region 6. I've attached the draft Region 3 agenda just as background.
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> Per this request, I also wanted to throw out a tentative date to see if you would both possibly be available, and if not, then check in on possible alternative dates this fall for such a meeting? We were tentatively looking at Tuesday, October 30th?
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> Hope all is well out there and Matt, congratulations to you and Priya!!
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> Cheers,
> Christy

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Partnership Coordination Meeting
October 30, 2012 ♦ Denver, CO

DRAFT AGENDA
Tuesday, October 30, 2012

9:30am- 10:00 am — Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda
Steve Guertin, Noreen Walsh, Matt Hogan (FWS)
Heidi Sherk (CO Chapter), Christy Plumer, Christie McGregor (DC)

10:30 am - 11:30 am — Discussion of vision and objectives for U.S. and Wildlife Service overall and Mountain-Prairie Region specifically.

- Possible topics for brief discussion include: implementation of America's Great Outdoors, Collaborative Large Landscape Conservation, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, Surrogate Species, Sage Grouse Initiative, Energy Development. - *Steve Guertin and Region 6 staff, FWS*

[USFWS – We welcome your comments throughout agenda, but please pay special attention to this and update as necessary.]

11:30am-12pm — Discussion of TNC Regional Priorities

- Large landscapes, whole systems conservation -

12:00-12:30pm — Open discussion of possible next steps we can take to ensure better integration of these larger scale efforts to achieve mutual conservation objectives. Topics could include:

- Easement agreement instruments and cooperation with other easement initiatives in common geographies
- Transferability of large, working landscape models
- Opportunity for lead project directors for large landscapes.

12:30-1:30pm — Lunch and staff meet-and-greet/small group conversations

1:30-3:00pm — Project Discussions

- Status of FY'13 LWCF funding - *Eric Alvarez and xx FWS Region 6*
- San Luis Valley Conservation Area/ Baca Refuge - *Heidi Sherk, TNC and xx, FWS*
- Montana Conservation Areas – RMF, Swan, Centennial, Blackfoot & Big Hole *Jeff Barber, TNC and xx, FWS*
- Missouri String of Pearls - M*ace Hack/Jason Skold, TNC and xx, FWS*
- Dakota Grasslands Conservation Area & Dakota Tallgrass Prairie WMA - *Doug Shaw/Isis Stark, TNC and xx, FWS*
- Flint Hills Conservation Area - *Rob Manes/Brian Obermeyer, TNC and xx, FWS*
- Bear River Watershed Conservation Area *Utah or DC TNC staff*

3:00-3:30pm — Refuge Program – Landowner Technical Assistance

- TNC Support for the Partners Program *(Arlen Lancaster/Graham McGaffin or Heidi Sherk, TNC*

3:30-5:00pm — Ecological Services – ESA Issues

- Black-footed ferrets/Black-tailed prairie dogs - *Bob Paulson, TNC*
- Announcement between FWS and NRCS regarding regulatory certainty for USDA's Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative *Arlen Lancaster/Graham McGaffin, Christy Plumer, TNC staff*

- Sage Grouse Candidate Efforts
- Great Plains Wind HCP - *Rob Manes, Isis Stark, Christie McGregor, TNC staff*
- Energy Development Trends/Impacts (TNC staff)

5:00pm Adjourn

Participants

The Nature Conservancy
Heidi Sherk, Director of Government Relations, TNC Colorado Chapter
Christie McGregor, Senior Policy Advisor for Fish and Wildlife, TNC – DC Office
Christy Plumer, Director of Federal Land Programs, TNC – DC Office
Arlen Lancaster or Graham McGaffin, TNC Wyoming Chapter
Isis Stark, Director of Government Relations, TNC MN Chapter
Doug Shaw, Conservation Director, TNC MN Chapter
Bob Paulson, Western Dakotas Conservation Director, TNC
Jeff Barber, Director of Government Relations, TNC MT Chapter
Rob Manes, State Director, or Brian Obermeyer, TNC Kansas Chapter
Mace Hack, State Director, or Jason Skold, TNC NE Chapter

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Steve Guertin, Regional Director, FWS Region 6
Noreen Walsh, Deputy Regional Director, FWS Region 6
Matt Hogan, Regional Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System
Eric Alvarez, Chief, Division of Realty