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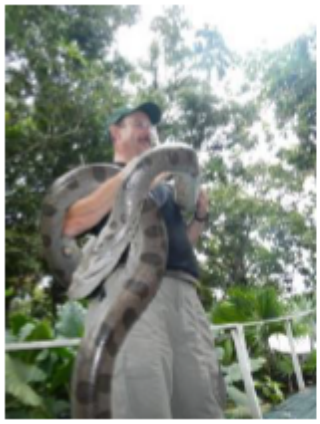
Thanks for the update Mike!

Cheers,



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Good evening:

Wanted to provide you with a quick update on the status of the FIAT report. Last Friday, a subgroup of our Review and Development team had a conference call regarding incorporating fire risk into the FIAT protocol. Participating in the call were Laurie Kurth and Tim Metzger (FS), Jeanne Chambers (FS Rocky Mountain Res. Sta.) Doug Havlina and Krista Gollnick (BLM NIFC), Tom Renkes (contract sage-grouse biologist) and myself. The discussion centered on the need to incorporate a burn probability model into Step 1 of the FIAT protocol. In the final FIAT draft, we addressed incorporating these types of models into Step 2 to assist in developing local implementation/activity plans.

The suggestion was to determine the value of running a fire risk model for the focal habitats in the priority PACs. This analysis will not be used to identify focal habitats but rather as part of the discussion in Step 1b which introduces the the management strategies of fuels management, habitat recovery/restoration, fire operations, and post-fire rehabilitation. If the fire risk model adds value, it will be incorporated into Step 1b by adding a short narrative and a figure displaying the model results of this model.

We hope to have a model run this week and will share the results with you for your quick input. The final draft has been professionally edited and will be ready for release pending results of the fire risk model and after briefing the National Policy Team. Stay tuned....

On Mon, May 12, 2014 at 3:33 PM, Pellant, Michael <mpellant@blm.gov> wrote:
All:

The Final Draft of the FIAT protocol has been posted on Google Drive and Dropbox.

Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B5ViupYywFhzSXBHdjY0SERLVVE&usp=sharing

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7b3akii1q5dm7rz/AAB9umts2h-f58_pmy_2lBvMa

Your comments and suggestions are appreciated as we move towards the final product. Next steps are to have the document sent to an editor for final editing and if there are no fatal flaws, send the protocol to the National Policy Team. Joe or Randy, could you send these links to the editor?

We have tried to incorporate as many of your suggestions as possible. There were some suggestions that we felt were more appropriately addressed by management and were not within the scope of our assignment to develop a fire and invasive assessment protocol. There were concerns about implementing management strategies only in the focal habitats so we have changed the terminology to "in or near focal habitats." Two additional figures have been added as appendices to graphically display the "in or near focal habitat" concepts.

I also added an appendix listing all of the members of the Development and Review Teams so please check that your name, title, and location are correct.

We realize that as application of the assessment protocol begins there will be questions necessitating the need for technical support for the end users. We

will discuss your interest and potential role in providing this service as the protocol is implemented.

Please let me know if there are fatal flaws at this point. Otherwise the upcoming edited version will be considered our final product. I want to thank all of you for your input and suggestions. FIAT is not a perfect process, however I have confidence that the outcome...prioritization and conservation/restoration of Sage-grouse habitat will occur.

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