From: Frazer, Gary
To: Ted Koch
Cc: Ren Lohoefener; Michael Fris; Noreen Walsh; Richard Hannan; Cynthia Martinez
Subject: Re: Meeting Today re: SG and ES
Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012 4:17:43 PM

I don't really know, but my best guess is that it will just be a phone call within the next 2 or 3 days. I think the task is to get 2 or 3 people who know their stuff to get on a conference call with the BLM Emergency Stabilization program folks and ask enough questions to reach a conclusion as to whether they would spend this money strategically and to good effect for sage grouse. That's what no one in FWS seems to know right now and what the Director needs to know before he sits down the with the other bureau directors and the department next week.

We just need to get BLM names, emails, and phone numbers so they can set something up soon. -- GDF

On Thu, Nov 29, 2012 at 5:56 PM, Ted Koch <ted_koch@fws.gov> wrote:

> Ren and Gary-
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> Steve Abele and Sarah Kulpa of my staff could help fill this role, but they are both urgently consumed with completing the science summaries for the bi-state sage grouse and Sierra Nevada plants listing decision core teams, respectively. In Nevada, that leaves me as the next most well-informed and available person.
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> I know Jesse D'Elia in the RO in Portland is well informed, and hopefully he's participating?
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> Gary – would it help if I engaged, how would I do so, and how much time do you think it might take?
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> Thanks,
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> Ted
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> **From:** Lohoefener, Ren [mailto:ren_lohoefener@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:58 AM
> **To:** Koch, Ted

Cc: Michael Fris; Gary D Frazer
Subject: Fwd: Meeting Today re: SG and ES

Ted - I believe you have a person with expertise in this area. If correct, please connect them to the BLM/FWS conversation.

Thanks

Ren

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From: **Frazer, Gary** <gary_frazer@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 29, 2012 at 11:31 AM
Subject: Fwd: Meeting Today re: SG and ES
To: Richard Hannan <Richard_Hannan@fws.gov>
Cc: Noreen Walsh <Noreen_Walsh@fws.gov>, Ren Lohoefener <Ren_Lohoefener@fws.gov>, Cynthia Martinez <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov>

Richard -- Had a meeting with BLM, NPS, and BIA this morning on BLM's request to exceed their stabilization cap. Told them that FWS is in need of information on how they are prioritizing and targeting their stabilization efforts, designing the on-the -ground work, etc. They described what they have done, and it sounds like it's all there and just a matter of conveying to the other bureaus those details.

Noreen said that you had 2 or 3 folks that you could task with discussing this with BLM. They're ready to talk ASAP and need contact info for who they should connect with. You can either provide that directly to Lynda Boody (contact info below) or I can pass it on. Noreen or Ren, if you need someone in the conversation, too, get their contact info in the mix, too.

BLM is going to try to set up a meeting with bureau directors, Kim Thorson, and Pam Haze on this by mid next week, so it would be best for us to have this information exchange and advise Dan before then on whether we are comfortable that they will spend the $$ wisely and productively.

Most of the conversation this morning was whether the out year consequences for bureau fire budgets would have to be borne by all bureaus or absorbed by BLM. -- GDF

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From: **Boody, Lynda** <lboody@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 29, 2012 at 11:25 AM

Subject: Meeting Today re: SG and ES
To: "Frazer, Gary D" <gary_frazer@fws.gov>

Hi Gary,

Thanks for coming to the meeting today.

Did you have specific folks you would like to recommend we work with from FWS on our emergency stabilization work? We want to contact them immediately. Thanks.

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