From: Kemner,Don
To: "Colt, Chris J -FS"; Makela, Paul; Jason Pyron
Subject: RE: FW: Tall Structure Definitions
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014 7:50:48 AM

All,

Please see the highlighted below – the definition does include disturbance to nesting sage-grouse. Disturbance to leks caused by fences is addressed by following the Stevens fence guidance. Disturbance to nesting sage-grouse caused by fences is unknown. Not sure this is really something that needs to be addressed.

Don

From: Colt, Chris J -FS [mailto:ccolt@fs.fed.us]
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To: Makela, Paul; Jason Pyron; Kemner,Don
Subject: RE: FW: Tall Structure Definitions

The two issues I have with this are, 1.) based on the definition, we will need to show/prove that a range fence does not impact a lek and I am not sure this will be easy to prove or disprove; 2.) it is so lek centric – disturbance to lekking birds and not nesting hens. That said, I understand that this is a needed definition if we are going to use the "tall structure" term and I have no other suggestion on a definition.

Chris

From: Makela, Paul [mailto:pmakela@blm.gov]
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Thoughts on these defs?

Paul

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FYI – is there any tie with buffer discussion?

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Cc: Arlene Kosic
Subject: Tall Structure Definitions

From our Project Lead call this morning, below are the definitions of tall structures in Utah and Oregon…..they are basically the same definition. If you are applying a tall structure restriction in your EIS, please try to be consistent.

1) Here is the text on "tall structures" in the Oregon DEIS. This only applies to stipulations for mining in PPMA and PGMA.

The development meets tall structure restrictions (a tall structure is any structure that has the potential to disrupt lekking or nesting birds by creating new perching/nesting opportunities and/or decrease the use of an area; a determination as to whether something is considered a tall structure would be based on local conditions such as vegetation or topography).

2) Here is Utah's definition. This would apply to all activities and not just to mining (as suggested for Oregon).

"a tall structure is any man-made structure that has the potential to disrupt lekking or nesting birds by creating new perching/nesting opportunities and/or decrease the use of an area; a determination as to whether something is considered a tall structure would be made based on local conditions such as vegetation or topography"

Lauren

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