From: Grim, Mary
To: Dara Rodriguez
Cc: Ren Lohoefener
Subject: Re: FW: Invasive Species Report: CLOSE HOLD
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 4:01:34 PM

My thoughts are below. please let me know if you want to discuss and I can give you a call this week.

- Section IV (What is Being Done) is often vague in describing programs, and as a result, it is difficult to understand basis of many conclusions. It would be helpful to know more about what these groups are doing – what has worked, and what hasn't worked.
- Much of the document focuses on organizational and cultural issues with management agencies and groups. Addressing organizational issues is likely to improve coordination and budgeting. However, further attention is needed to identifying science and implementation priorities upon which those better organized groups can act.
- At times, the report is extremely critical of certain groups past efforts – in particular, the NISC. While some critique is needed, it would be more helpful to point towards future opportunities than to dwell on past failures.
- The recommendations are heavy on organizational changes and lack substantive on-the- ground efforts. As a result, it is hard to see how any of these recommendations might result in any reduction of the invasive species threat in the near future.

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On Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 1:54 PM, Dara Rodriguez <dara_rodriguez@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Mary –
>
> WAFWA is trying to finalize the attached document in just a couple of weeks. They have provided us a courtesy copy for comment. However, HQ doesn't have anyone to review on such a quick turn-around timeline. I thought you might be interested :)- We are also pursuing Mike Gregg out of R1 to provide comments as well, but that's as broad as folks are willing to go in sharing this document.
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> Anyway, if there is any chance you could provide comments, please send them through me by COB Mar. 6th

I will be in travel status next week, attending the National Invasive Mtg., but I will be checking email. Of course, you can always reach me on my cell.

Thank you,

Dara

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Jeff,

Ken Mayer's team under the WAFWA umbrella have produced this draft report. It is not for public or wide distribution yet; it is under review and Ken has shared a courtesy copy for our thoughts.

I'm not sure, but I think Todd Hopkins may be the only FWS employee on the invasives working group that Ken leads. Other than that, Terry, Dawn and I have been looking at this draft and it occurred to me that someone on your staff may also want to take a look. I haven't been able to connect with Terry today, so forgive me if this duplicates anything you and she have already talked about.

Ken has talked about finalizing this in about two weeks, but I intend to ask him to slow down a little so that we can get some folks across DOI and DOA better briefed before it goes final.

Let me know if you are willing to have the right person on your staff take a look and give us some quick feedback.

Many thanks,

Noreen

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