From: Hollar, Kathy
To: Wiechman, Lief
Subject: Re: CED evals
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Hey Lief, I'm on the road. The rationale is that by helping landowners maintain their grazing operations (making them more durable), the ranchers are less likely to change their land management to ag. PFW requires 10 year landowner agreements and some think that they are preserving ranching operations through those agreements. I thought CO PFW (Bill Noonan) was the only group that did that - did MT do it as well? Bottom line, if the Landowner agreement ends soon, there is no legal requirement to keep the land from being tilled under. I'm workign on a formal report to document that most landowners keep their restoration actions in place long after the 10=year agreement expires, but all we have now is ancedotal evidence. Try calling me tomorrow - I'll answer if I can.

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On Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 3:31 PM, Wiechman, Lief <lief_wiechman@fws.gov> wrote:

> If you have some time tomorrow... to chat about a few PFW projects in the CED.
> I'm struggling a little with a few of them. For starters, most select Ag Conversion as the threat and not grazing/range mgmt. While it says there's a 'formal agreement', the agreement/doc is not included and the agreements end this year or next year... and I'm not sure how to gauge these against tillage risk.
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> Teleworking tomorrow, Cheyenne Wednesday, Lakewood Thursday, Laramie Friday.
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