From: Pat Deibert
To: DeBerry, Drue
Cc: Lief Wiechman; Dawn Davis; DElia, Jesse; Lee Corum; Shauna Ginger
Subject: Re: GRSG - CO Habitat Exchange Species Lead Team Review
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 7:58:15 AM

That was true until the rd call yesterday....

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2015, at 7:01 AM, DeBerry, Drue <drue_deberry@fws.gov> wrote:

> Great. I had been told the SLT was no fly zone until the beginning of June. I relayed that to CO yesterday. This could push the approval to late September.
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> On Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 5:39 PM, Deibert, Pat <pat_deibert@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > Hey Drue -
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> > Don't know if anyone has responded yet. The first week of June, and now maybe the second is very much in play for the status review and meeting with the regional directors. As soon as I have any further information I will let you know.
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> > On Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 9:53 AM, DeBerry, Drue <drue_deberry@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > > SLT (Pat, Lief, Jesse, Dawn),
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> > > I need to schedule a day long meeting between you, the SLT, and the Science Team of the CO Habitat Exchange (CHE). I think you will want to have an in-person (at least local folks) discussion with the Science Team to better understand if the CHE is sufficiently effective that the Service can sign on to an agreement to provide regulatory assurances. Prior to the meeting, you will want to have thoroughly reviewed the CHE. Do you have any major conflicts the first week of June?
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> > > The CHE is the first GRSG pre-listing mitigation program to request an agreement with the Service. As the Service intent is to be consistent in our assessment of pre-listing mitigation programs, we are setting a benchmark through our review of the CHE.

I've attached the CHE agreement request, the initial list of SLT Questions, and the questions that the Mitigation Review Team (Shauna, Lee, and me) have asked the CHE. The MRT will continue to identify and frame questions for you, but ultimately your sufficiency of science assessment should be based on a review of the CHE as a whole.

I know this is adding to your already overflowing plates. That's why I was told to set the meeting this week or wait until the first week of June after the month of Status Assessment. I proposed trying to clone the SLT, but strangely the proposal was summarily dismissed.

Thank you for all you do for sage-grouse and conservation,

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