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Hi there-

I believe you'll be going straight to the Task Force on Monday, so wanted to share with you my draft agenda and also facilitator recommendation doc. These are located on SharePoint (https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/0331.aspx) and attached here for reference.

It sounds like we're down to NCTC or Fort Collins at this point for venue options. **Is it sufficient just to put "venues" an item on the agenda or should I mock up a 1-pager?**

We won't have Kevin's information until Tuesday AM, but I thought I might share (w/ RDs, ARD+) the agenda and facilitator recommendation (and venue rec?) on Monday.

Thanks!
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Goal

The purpose of this meeting is to touch base on the 2015 status review progress. ***Specifically for March 31, 2015, we will cover Analysis Meetings (Venue, Dates, Faciliators), Modeling Progress, and Bi-State experience with BLM plans.***

Location

Phone

1-877-937-1692 PPT# 476873 (GROUSE)

Webinar

http://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?sigKey=mymeetings&i=443154588&p=LEADER&t=c

Materials

Materials for this meeting can be found on the SharePoint Portal: https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/0331.aspx

Invitees

Invitees in parentheses will only participate in select sessions, not the entire meeting

Region 1	
RO	Richard Hannan, Terry Rabot, Jesse DElia
Region 6	
RO	Noreen Walsh, Mike Thabault, Nicole Alt, Kate Norman, Pat Deibert
Region 8	
RO	Ren Loehefener, Mike Fris, Mary Grim

Agenda

Tuesday – March 31, 2015			
Time	**Item**	**Lead**	**Participants**
2:00 pm MT *1:00 pm PT*	**Welcome and Goals** • May Meeting Updates • Bi-State Discussion	Mike Thabault	RDs, ARD+
2:05 pm MT *1:05 pm PT*	**May Meetings (INPUT)** • Dates (May 26?) • Facilitator Recommendation • Venue Options	Mike Thabault, Kate Norman	RDs, ARD+
2:45 pm MT *1:45 pm PT*	**Modeling Update (FYI)**	Mike Thabault	RDs, ARD+
3:15 pm MT *2:15 pm PT*	**Bi-State and BLM Plans (FYI)** • Timing	Mary Grim	RDs, ARD+

Tuesday – March 31, 2015			
Time	Item	Lead	Participants
	• Possibility of similar issues for GRSG?		
3:25 pm MT *2:25 pm PT*	**Upcoming Meetings (INPUT)** • Process Check – State Webinars? • April 14, 2015 Meeting – Date Change? VTC?	Mike Thabault	RDs, ARD+
3:35 pm MT *2:35 pm PT*	**Next Steps and Closing (INPUT)**	Mike Thabault	RDs, ARD+
3:45 pm MT *2:45 pm PT*	**ADJOURN**		

Decisions

DECISIONS from PREVIOUS MEETING	
Category	Decision
Analysis	RDs support SLT working on analysis in April; we will provide materials in advance of the May meetings and follow with in-person briefings during that first meeting.
May Meetings	May 4, 2015 – Meeting for SLT and ARD+ (not for RDs) ***Meeting for RDs: TBD*** May 18, 2015 ?? – First official analysis meeting (include RDs) **June??? -**
Species Lead Team	We need to insulate (as best we can) the Species Lead Team. We need to be disciplined in determining which questions/requests we should answer and who is the best party to answer those requests. Copy ARDs on any tasking of Species Leads

Tasks

TASKS from PREVIOUS MEETING				
Category	Responsible Party	Task	Due	Notes
Comm.	ARD+	Communicate with the FMT the operating procedure for tasking Species Leads (Pat, Lief, Jesse, Dawn, Steve) (complete 3/17/2015)	ASAP	DONE
Comm.	Noreen	Will discuss with Matt Kales the way we intend to task our species leads; BLM (complete 3/17/2015)	ASAP	DONE
Columbia Basin	R1	Further discussion w/ Jesse, Terry, Richard → discuss options for moving forward.	ASAP (3/31/2015)	Meeting after RD call (3/31/2015)
State Webinar	Kate	Invite Species Lead Team to present chapters; Chapter Leads (complete 3/17/2015)	3/17/2015	DONE
State	Kate	Clean up the slides (scrub any conclusion	3/17/2015	DONE

TASKS from PREVIOUS MEETING				
Category	Responsible Party	Task	Due	Notes
Webinar		language)		
State Webinar	Kate	Talking Points for Dan	3/17/2015	DONE
Task Force	Kate/Nicole	Task Force Slides	3/25/2015	DONE, Nicole
May Meetings	RDs	Determine best option for timing (May 18- stay through Memorial Day; May 18, break for Memorial Day; May 26- stay through next week) Location options	3/31/2015	TO DO
BLM Checklist	SLT	BLM Plan Checklist	3/23/2015	

Dates

UPCOMING DATES		
Date	Event	Where
3/17/2015	RD In-Person Meeting	Portland, OR: https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/0317.aspx
3/24/2015	State Director Webinar	Phone:1- 877-357-9157 (4006722) http://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?sigKey=mymeetings&i=748158230&p=GRSGwebinar&t=c
3/30/2015-	Task Force	
3/31/2015	RD Call	Phone: 1-877-937-1692 PPT# 476873 (GROUSE) (following task force mtg)
4/14/2015	RD In-Person Meeting	Denver, CO (Pena and I-70 or Stapleton area). https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/0414.aspx
5/4/2015 – 5/8/20115	ARD+ and SLT (formerly Analysis Mtg 1)	Denver: https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/AMTG1.aspx
5/26/2015 – 6/5/2015 (Dates???)	Analysis Mtg 1 (formerly Anatysis Mtg 2)	Denver: https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/AMTG2.aspx
68/2015 – 6/12/2015	HOLD for Director Briefing	

Facilitator Recommendation

For Greater Sage-Grouse Status Review Analysis Meetings

Background

On March 17, 2015, the ARD+ group interviewed three candidates that were recommended by Robert Fisher in the Collaborative Action Dispute Resolution (CADR) Office. They were:

- Linda Manning
- Chris Moore
- Bob Wheeler

Linda and Bob were the two strongest candidates. We followed the interviews with reference checks for both individuals.

Linda's reference, Jamie Barbour, USFS, had worked with Linda over the course of many years, spoke highly of her abilities, but was unable to describe her work on Endangered Species Act related efforts.

Bob's reference, Rosemary Furfey, NOAA, was able to describe Bob's work with other status assessments (5-year review). As with Linda, Bob was noted to be highly competent. Rosemary also commented on his cordial nature and pleasant demeanor, which made working with him enjoyable.

Recommendation

After discussions with Robert Fisher from CADR, we believe that all of the candidates are highly competent and could be helpful in this work.

Our interviews and conversations with the references have led us to recommend **Bob Wheeler as the best selection.**

- He was well prepared for the interview.
- He has worked on Endangered Species Act issues including Recovery Planning and a 5-year review.
- His reference, Rosemary Furfey (NOAA), highlighted his ability to:
    - get full participation in group discussions,
    - focus on the goals of his client (in this case, the Service), and
    - keep the group on track without being abrasive or off-putting.