From: Abele, Susan
To: Ted Koch
Cc: Tara Vogel; Lee Corum; Steve Abele; Genevieve Skora; Ronald Baxter; Carolyn Swed
Subject: Re: FW: SANE meeting next week
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015 2:24:27 PM

Hi,

I've filed these along with some other Working Lands for Wildlife information at:
M:\Partners for Fish and Wildlife\NRCS\Working Lands for Wildlife

That folder also includes a couple of Q&A and Fact Sheets re: WLFW and ESA Predictability.

I attended the WLFW training at the NRCS office a while back and have a lot of information they handed out at that training if anyone wants more information.

cheers,
susan

On Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 12:29 PM, Ted Koch <ted_koch@fws.gov> wrote:

> Sage Grousers-
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> A lot more information on the topic of NRCS and programs and assurances for sage grouse.
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> **From:** Heater, Thad - NRCS, Reno, NV [mailto:thad.heater@nv.usda.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2015 12:25 PM
> **To:** Jasmine, Jaime - NRCS, Elko, NV; Ted Koch

Subject: RE: SANE meeting next week

Hi Ted,

Jaime is correct. The ESA Predictability is tied to the voluntary implementation and continued maintenance of conservation practices included in the conference report. The ESA Predictability can be either with a funded project or through technical assistance that is implemented in compliance with the conference reports along with the required conservation measures.

Each Sage grouse state developed state specific conservation measures with the state wildlife agency and USFWS in conjunction with completing the conference report. Additionally each of the Conservation Practice Standards for the practices listed in the conference report were updated with Sage-grouse specific criteria.

Jaime was instrumental in updating the practice standards with Sage-grouse specific criteria for Nevada that are typically used with Sage-grouse before 2010. The updated versions of the practices Jaime developed were incorporated in 2010 into the SGI effort and the SGI Conference Report verbatim west wide.

I have attached the implementation measures, NV NRCS signed SGI Implementation Plan, along with the SGI conference report and a table for quick reference.

I will not be able to attend the meeting due to other meetings here in Reno and Fallon that I am participating in with Bruce's temporary acting replacement.

I would be glad to answer any additional questions that you may have.

Thanks,

Thad

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Hi Ted,

I will not be at the SANE meeting next week, I am scheduled for eye surgery in Salt Lake City that day, but Rachelle Peppers, our SGI Biologist is planning to attend. I will have her bring some information on the programs.

Thad can correct me if I am wrong, but in the Conference Report, FWS signed off on several of our practices. So the ESA support is not necessarily tied to a specific program but instead to the practices an individual implements and the way they implement them. ESA Predictability comes out of the conference report. To apply for or accept ESA Predictability landowners do not have to accept federal assistance dollars (ie EQIP, SGI, CSP, etc.) they just need to be following and implementing their approved conservation plan.

Hope this helps, please feel free to call either Thad or I for further discussion.

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Jamie and Thad-

Will you be at the SANE meeting next week, Jamie? If so, would you bring information on NRCS' Working Lands/SGI programs? Also, can you tell me what programs or components have ESA support from the Service (e.g., a conference opinion)?

Thanks,

Ted

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