From: Davis, Dawn
To: DElia, Jesse
Cc: Grim, Mary; Matt Kales; Pat Deibert; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt
Subject: Re: FIRE - Please Review
Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 7:52:36 AM

Just let me know - I'm on a call related to the SO but can leave when necessary. I do have a conflict at 1pm PST and will be late to the BLM coordination call.

On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 7:50 AM, DElia, Jesse <jesse_delia@fws.gov> wrote:

Won't be able to make a call before 1pm pacific today - suggest you go ahead without me. I'll catch up with Dawn this afternoon.

On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 7:46 AM, Grim, Mary <mary_grim@fws.gov> wrote:

I can make anything work between 10 and 2 MT.

Mary Grim
US Fish and Wildlife Service
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825
916-414-6574
530-320-1300 (cell)

On Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 6:55 AM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

You all call it. I'm good until 11 am MST. Thanks.

From: Deibert, Pat [mailto:pat_deibert@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 5:52 PM
To: Matt Kales
Cc: Davis, Dawn; DElia, Jesse; Mary Grim; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt

Subject: Re: FIRE - Please Review

I can do 9-10, and 11-2

On Tue, Mar 3, 2015 at 5:50 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks, all. I can do a pre-call tomorrow anytime except the below window (MST):

11-130 pm

Looping Nicole lest she miss out on any fun.

On Mar 3, 2015, at 5:47 PM, Deibert, Pat <pat_deibert@fws.gov> wrote:

I agree with Dawn and sent the information for situational awareness. I think this is a sword issue but wanted folks to realize we will face a "hearty discussion" on this one. I suggest we group up before the call tomorrow to discuss further.

p

On Tue, Mar 3, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Davis, Dawn <dawn_davis@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Sorry for the confusion - I was not aware of the additional conversations that had taken place with re: to the fire language when I responded to Pat's request and based it on the last information I had received (which unfortunately was outdated). I don't have an issue with removing the 12" clause but would retain the the latest language that removes "allow" and that was revised to state, "*Prescribed fire as a vegetation or fuels treatment in Wyoming big sagebrush sites or other xeric sagebrush species sites, or in areas with a potential for post-fire exotic annual dominance should only be considered after all other options have been exhausted, and only after the NEPA analysis for the Burn Plan has addressed the four bullets outlined above."* and "*Prescribed fire in known winter range should only be considered after all other options have been exhausted ..."*

I am uncertain how sage-grouse goals and objectives could be met by burning known winter ranges or in areas with a potential for post-fire exotic annual dominance? Neither is supported by the literature. If the original language which includes "allow" is retained I think it could potentially be used out of context and could imply that the use of prescribed fire is supported in areas where its use should be avoided, particularly if restoration of sage-grouse habitat is the goal.

On Tue, Mar 3, 2015 at 2:27 PM, DElia, Jesse <jesse_delia@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Pat,

Found one more round of comments in my e-mail - from Oct 27, 2014

.....

Deibert, Pat <**pat_deibert@fws.gov**> 10/27/14

to Lauren, me, Mary

Hi Lauren -

thanks for the additional look. I passed it through Mary and Jesse again and while improved we still have a few additional comments.

pat

On Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 12:58 PM, Lauren Mermejo <lmermejo@blm.gov> wrote:

Pat –

I took your comments and reworked this with NIFC to that it is clean and doesn't repeat, repeat, repeat. We would make this into one Management Action….what do you think?

Thanks for taking a quick look…..if you can get thru it today, that would be great….then I can share it with my Project Leads on my call tomorrow.

Cheers!

Lauren

2:14 PM (12 minutes ago)

Attachments area

Preview attachment Rewrite with NIFC.10.24.14 edits.docx

Rewrite with NIFC.10.24.14 edits.docx

On Tue, Mar 3, 2015 at 2:14 PM, Deibert, Pat <pat_deibert@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone -

In response to a comment by Lauren Mermejo on the BLM coordinator call on Monday I went back to my e-mails and found this. We previously provided extensive comments on the fire language - this being the last of them. We did not see any revisions after this (at least not according to my e-mails).

Take home message is that BLM did in part address our concerns, and we did not ask to change the word "allow" at that time. This is post FFM where the word Avoid was in the language (hence Dawn's confusion).

So we need to think about what we want to say tomorrow relative to the word choice. I think our edits on the language are still valid and fill a void. Perhaps we need a short discussion before our call?

Also, we expressly asked the 12 inch precip language be taken out - we wanted the fire efforts to focus on all types of sagebrush. If we allow them to insert the 12 inch clause it weakens fire management in other areas. Thoughts?

pat

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Deibert, Pat** <pat_deibert@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 1:37 PM
Subject: Re: FIRE - Please Review
To: Lauren Mermejo <lmermejo@blm.gov>

Hi Lauren -

Just emerged from our meeting and took a look. Pulled Mary Grim and Jesse D'Elia in as well as they are in my meeting. Our joint comments are attached.

Thanks!

Pat

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:46 PM, Lauren Mermejo <lmermejo@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Patsy –

Hope things are going well…just tried to call you, but your voice mail said that you won't be in until Friday. So….here is why I am e-mailing you….

After the Great Basin FFM, you came up with the latest and greatest Prescribed Fire actions (four bullets).

These were sent to our fire specialists at NIFC to ensure all was kosher with them. I have attached two files – your original language from the FFM, and then the comments and rewrite from NIFC. I don't think that they are substantially different – just more concise and certainly made clearer thru the use of "NEPA analysis that supports the Burn Plan". (see comments)

This is about a 5 or 10 minute review, and I am wondering if you could take a look at the NIFC rewrite and let me know if you are OK with it. The biggest change that I saw was in the 3rd bullet - it now starts in the positive by saying "Allow" instead of "Avoid" and refines it to 'only' later in the sentence. The outcome is the same in my opinion.

Thanks Pat….give me a call if you want to discuss….if need be, we can tie into NIFC as well.

Lauren L. Mermejo

Great Basin GRSG Project Manager

BLM Nevada State Office

775 861-6580 (Office)

775 223-2770 (Cell)

--

Pat Deibert, PhD

National Sage-grouse Conservation Coordinator

Certified Wildlife Biologist®

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A

Cheyenne, WY 82009

307-772-2374, ext. 226

got leks?

--

Pat Deibert, PhD

Certified Wildlife Biologist®

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A

Cheyenne, WY 82009

307-772-2374, ext. 226

got leks?

--

Jesse D'Elia, Ph.D.

Candidate Species Conservation Coordinator

Endangered Species Division, Pacific Regional Office

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

911 NE 11th Avenue, 4th Floor, Portland, OR 97232

503.231.2349 phone; 503.231.6243 fax

jesse_delia@fws.gov

--

Dawn Davis, Ph.D.

Certified Wildlife Biologist ®
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office
911 NE 11th Avenue, 4th Floor, Portland, OR 97232
Office: 503.231.6194; Cell: 503.784.7429; FAX: 503.231.6243
dawn_davis@fws.gov

--

Pat Deibert, PhD

Certified Wildlife Biologist®

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A

Cheyenne, WY 82009

307-772-2374, ext. 226

got leks?

--

Pat Deibert, PhD

Certified Wildlife Biologist®

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

5353 Yellowstone Road, Suite 308A

Cheyenne, WY 82009

307-772-2374, ext. 226

got leks?

--

Jesse D'Elia, Ph.D.
Candidate Species Conservation Coordinator
Endangered Species Division, Pacific Regional Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
911 NE 11th Avenue, 4th Floor, Portland, OR 97232
503.231.2349 phone; 503.231.6243 fax
jesse_delia@fws.gov

--

Dawn Davis, Ph.D.
Certified Wildlife Biologist ®
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Regional Office
911 NE 11th Avenue, 4th Floor, Portland, OR 97232
Office: 503.231.6194; Cell: 503.784.7429; FAX: 503.231.6243
dawn_davis@fws.gov