From: Sitz, Angela
To: Jason Holm
Cc: Elizabeth Materna; Brent Lawrence; Theresa Rabot; Rollie White; Richard_Hannan; Jeff Everett; Henson, Paul; Anna Harris
Subject: Re: Description of OR Event
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015 1:31:19 PM

Just finished a landowner meeting in crook county. 95% certain I have the landowner tour portion covered more to come shortly. Angela

On Mar 12, 2015 12:29 PM, "Holm, Jason" <jason_holm@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Paul. That's great news on all perspectives. Biggest task for the 27th is to deliver an audience, and it looks promising. I'm going to ask DOI today about the actual invites--they were doing it when it was at the zoo, so I hope they will for this one too. Keep sharing!
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> On Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 11:54 AM, Henson, Paul <paul_henson@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > Just talked to Linda Rowe, leader of the Malheur County SWCD, regarding the March 18 CCAAs signing and the March 27 Secretarial visit.
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> > 1. They definitely want to proceed with the March 18 signing. They have about 40-50 people already RSVPed, and they got food and venue and field trip lined up. They are very excited about hosting it, and given the pressing nature of the listing deadline they want to keep things moving.
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> > 2. Linda was also very supportive of a possible Secretarial visit March 27 and was very appreciative that it would be in Bend rather than Portland.
> > 3. I told her that we would probably have the Sec and the Gov say a few words about the importance of positive working relations with private landowners, the completion of the various CCAAs, and then sign some sort of commemorative document. She thought that would be great.
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> > 4. She said she would expect a lot of interest in her County SWCD and neighboring counties for folks to drive to Bend to hear the Secretary and the Governor. She did not see a conflict with the event they are hosting March 18, but thought it could be a positive affirmation of what they are and others are doing in Oregon. She asked to be kept informed as the logistics firm up and volunteered to help spread the word with locals if we want that.
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> > Was there anything else we need to do/know regarding coordinating between these two events? I think that was the main concern.

Thanks,

paul

On Wed, Mar 11, 2015 at 12:04 PM, Holm, Jason <jason_holm@fws.gov> wrote:

Thank you all. I'll make the change to allotments (Angela's suggestion) and get back to them.

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On Wed, Mar 11, 2015 at 11:43 AM, Sitz, Angela <angela_sitz@fws.gov> wrote:

Agreed, the re-work is good to go. One minor clarification, in the red text box below for state grazing lands it should say "grazing leases" instead of grazing allotments, allotments is BLM terminology, the state Leases the land for grazing.

On another note, I am working on the Forest Service for the Friday location, I scheduled a site visit to make sure the lek has birds and I am meeting with a landowner 45 minutes East of Bend tomorrow to enroll in a CCAA and ask about visiting their property with the Secretary, this landowner has done a lot to conserve sage-grouse already so they should be a good site to visit, but they have some pretty strong opinions as well.

Thanks, Angela

On Wed, Mar 11, 2015 at 11:29 AM, Jeff Everett <jeff_everett@fws.gov> wrote:

All –

Paul's rework of this is perfect – spot on. Two additional points for background FYI and inclusion as necessary:

- We have April 15th as the target date for completing the DSL CCAA.
- There has already been more than $350,000 in matching funds secured in FY13 and FY14 that paved the way for the $9 million NRCS RCPP proposal, over $100,000 of which was USFWS money.

Cheers

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From: Henson, Paul [mailto:paul_henson@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Holm, Jason
Cc: Rollie White; Jeff Everett; Angela Sitz
Subject: Re: Description of OR Event

Jason,

Sarah is correct that certain parts of that text are inaccurate. Here are suggested edits. Jeff/Angela, please review for accuracy and get additional edits to Jason:

> On March 27, Sec. Jewell will travel to Oregon with FWS to announce the completion of several Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAAs) covering approximately 3.5 million acres of private rangeland and 630,000 acres of state-owned grazing land in eastern Oregon. Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) will be administering these agreements on private lands, while the State will be renewing all of its grazing allotments during this coming year and will make adoption of the CCAA measures a condition of re-enrollment for its permittees. With these CCAAs, all the state-owned grouse habitat in Oregon, and a majority of the privately-owned grouse habitat in Oregon will be enrolled in, or eligible to enroll in, an approved CCAA. NRCS is providing $9 million in Farm Bill funding to support implementation of conservation actions on private lands under these agreements. This announcement is an opportunity to illustrate the Administration, states and stakeholders are moving full speed ahead to conserve greater sage-grouse, notwithstanding the recent rider, and the importance of sagebrush conservation to traditional Western economic activity like ranching as well as to wildlife.

On Wed, Mar 11, 2015 at 11:07 AM, Holm, Jason <jason_holm@fws.gov> wrote:

Gents,

See below. DOI is believing that our original summary of the event (from the Secretary's report a while back) is now not accurate. I'm not sure if Sarah is correct. Are we celebrating the county CCAA or the State CCAA, or a little bit of both?

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From: "Greenberger, Sarah" <sarah_greenberger@ios.doi.gov>
Date: March 11, 2015 at 1:23:26 PM EDT
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Text from what we had in OS Weekly from the original event is below. From our call yesterday, it seems this is not right and that we are not celebrating the State CCAA and that NRCS money is not for implementaiton of that agreement. Can your teams correct this and get it to me by tomorrow morning? Thanks!

On March 27, Sec. Jewell will travel to Oregon with FWS to announce a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) applicable to 630,000 acres of state-owned grazing land in Oregon. The State will be renewing all of its grazing allotments during this coming year, and will make adoption of the CCAA measures a condition of re-enrollment for its permittees. NRCS is providing $9 million in Farm Bill funding to support implementation of conservation actions under this agreement. With this CCAA, all the state-owned grouse habitat in Oregon, and a majority of the privately-owned grouse habitat in Oregon will be enrolled in, or eligible to enroll in, an approved CCAA. This announcement is an opportunity to illustrate the Administration, states and stakeholders are moving full speed ahead to conserve greater sage-grouse, notwithstanding the recent rider, and the

importance sagebrush conservation to traditional Western economic activity like ranching as well as to wildlife.

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