From: Edgar, Leith
To: Matt Kales
Subject: Re: GRSG: final grazing memo and internal Q&A
Date: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:25:42 PM

Sure, Matt,

All's well, just learning the new ropes and trying to be effective where possible. The living situation works for now and has ample access to the outdoor jewel of Boise: the Greenbelt.

Best,

Leith

On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 3:21 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Leith; most helpful. Hope all is well with you and your new gig and home.
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> On Mar 30, 2015, at 3:19 PM, Stein, Theodore <theodore_stein@fws.gov> wrote:
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> That's great Leith
> Thanks
> theo
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> Theo Stein
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> On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 2:59 PM, Edgar, Leith <leith_edgar@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Theo,
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>> Here's who the IFWO shared it with and what we heard from those who received it:
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>> 1. At the leadership level, it reached the Idaho state director and assistant state director of the BLM, the director of the Idaho Fish and Game Department, and the administrator of the governor's Office of Species Conservation. No feedback was received from the aforementioned.
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>> 2. At the staff level, IFWO staff informally shared it at meetings where appropriate, e.g. Rangeland Fire Protection Association when discussing the Service's position on grazing. There was some resulting discussion on the language in the memo, especially management of private versus public rangelands. Initial reactions to the memo were that it was overly focused on private lands and did not mention public lands enough, though it was acknowledged that later on in the text it did mention public land management. Some landowners perceived it as us overstepping our regulatory role and pushing our opinion on how they should be managing their private lands.
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>> Please let me know if you need any other info from us on this.
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>> Thanks,
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>> Leith
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>> On Fri, Mar 27, 2015 at 12:47 PM, Stein, Theodore <theodore_stein@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>> Good afternoon
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>>> Earlier this month Matt distributed the final version of a memo detailing the Service's perspective on grazing, with an ask to share with staff and partners as appropriate.
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>>> We intend to soon do another round of outreach so we wanted to ask you to help us plan by responding with a *very* brief account of who you shared this memo with and what/if any feedback you received.
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>>> Thanks very much
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>>> Theo
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On Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 8:56 AM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

Folks,

Please pardon any redundancy. Below is a URL for the final, signed and dated rangewide grazing memo issued recently by the ARDs-ES. Please share this with your people and our partners as you see fit. (Mike T. recently provided it to WGA and the SGTF, so it is in wide circulation.)

Also, attached are the internal communications materials for this memo. Please refer to these as necessary to inform conversations about the memo and its purpose and content with partners and other stakeholders. Please note FWS media contacts at the bottom of that document.

Please let me know if you have any immediate questions and we can discuss this further if need be on today's FMT call.

Thanks.

Matt

http://www.fws.gov/greatersagegrouse/documents/Landowners/20150205_FWS_%20Sage%20grouse%20Ranching%20ARD%20Review_%20Sign%20Final.pdf

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