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Subject:	Re: Monthly Transmission Call Reminder - New Call-in Number: Wednesday, March 4 @ 2 mtn/ 1pst
Date:	Tuesday, March 03, 2015 2:01:27 PM

Hi Stef,

Thank you for hosting these calls in Julie's absence-- very helpful and I really appreciate it! Unfortunately tomorrow I have a GSG CCAA workshop to lead from 1-3p MT, so will be unable to attend. However, please see the following updates for WY projects: Energy Gateway West, EG South, and TransWest Express.

WYOMING INTERSTATE T-LINE UPDATES: MARCH 3, 2015

Energy Gateway South

As an update on status of the Energy Gateway South transmission project, EPGAZ continues to prepare the administrative Final EIS (AFEIS) for review by the agency interdisciplinary (ID) team (i.e., the BLM and cooperating agencies); **a 4-week review of the AFEIS by the agency ID team is scheduled from April 23, 2015 – May 20, 2015.** Next ID Team call will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 9am Mountain Daylight Time; this call will be a WebEx overview of the AFEIS**.**

TransWest Express

The revised preliminary draft biological assessment (BA) was provided to Service on March 3, 2015. This draft has been revised based on comments received from BLM and Western biologists on the previous preliminary draft BA completed in June 2014 and it has been updated to reflect the change in the agency preferred alternative, which is identified as the Proposed Action in the BA. This version of the BA serves as a courtesy review draft for the Service. Comments on this draft due by COB on Friday, March 20. Following receipt of comments, AECOM will make necessary revisions to the document and submit the Final Draft BA to the Service on Friday, March 27 to initiate formal consultation; however, we are trying to push this deadline back to provide Service and BLM time to discuss comments due just 7 days prior.

Gateway West

The Service provided RMP with a draft COT Matrix from both ID and WY on February 11, 2015. The draft was provided as a courtesy to RMP so that they understand where the Service and BLM are in terms of consistency/inconsistency with each of the 9 criteria. However, according to Sharon Knowlton (BLM Proj. Mgr.) RMP may be waiting for a final COT Matrix prior to beginning revision of the current mitigation plan. Tyler is waiting to hear back from Sharon and Walt George on this question: our intent was to work with RMP and BLM to find ways collaboratively to address deficiencies in the draft mitigation plan so they could be corrected and and the plan completed as efficiently as possible.

COT Matrix Webinars for EGS and TWE

A webinar for project proponents, BLM and FWS across all affected states is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015. Tyler will present the COT Matrix (as we have done in the past for BLM and RMP) to TWE as well as RMP for EGS. The blank COT Matrix will be presented along with a discussion of the 9 criteria and associated expectations regarding use of the Matrix for these projects. We anticipate a healthy discussion with many questions likely coming from Power Company of WY on TWE since this will be new to them.

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On Tue, Mar 3, 2015 at 11:14 AM, Stavrakas, Stefanie <stefanie_stavrakas@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi All,
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> We have our Transmission call scheduled for Wednesday. I have volunteered to host the calls in Julie's absence. Please not the new call-in details during this period:
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> Conference Line #1 877-437-8982
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> PC: 680740
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> If you have updates, please circulate.
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> Thanks,
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> Stef
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