From: Martini, Jay
To: Herrmann, Betsy
Subject: Re: Draft Biological Assessment for Utah GRSG FEIS for staff review; response requested by 3/9
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:39:41 PM
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Thanks Betsy,

Tova seems OK with the timeline and Jena is on the fence about it, but she thinks she can work with it at the moment. Haven't heard anything from Nathan, but I heard he is around the office so maybe I can ask him if I see him today.

On Tue, Mar 31, 2015 at 12:07 PM, Herrmann, Betsy <betsy_herrmann@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hey Jay -
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> I reviewed this for MSO, just adding my comments/edits on top of Melissa's. Overall it's fine, relatively small comments. It is taking forever to attach so I just put the document on your Z drive under Z:\Martini\GRSG Sec7.
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> How is the timeline going to work, per Laura's question at the top of this email thread? Have you heard from Nathan B. that this will be OK for him? And the plant folks also have signif time constraints and they'll need to review....
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> Thanks!
> Betsy
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> On Fri, Mar 27, 2015 at 4:50 PM, Burns, Melissa <melissa_burns@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi Jay,
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>> I am okay with the following determinations: no effect for SWFL; MANLAA for endangered condor (outside of the experimental population), and no jeopardy for the 10j condor population.
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>> I provided a few comments via tracked changes as per your request in the attached

document.

I also reviewed the effect determinations for listed fish, assuming Paul was way too busy, and concur with the "no effect" determination for all listed fish.

Let me know if you have any questions once you've had a chance to look over the inline comments.

Best,

Melissa

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 8:31 AM, Martini, Jay <jay_martini@fws.gov> wrote:

All,

I will compile the comments into one document. As was mentioned in Chris Colt's email below, it will be OK to use "track changes" and comment bubbles to complete this review. We will need to give Laura a chance to review our comments on or before April 9th, so please get me your edits/comments no later than COB April 7. I realize that this is a tight turn around and everyone is really busy. If these dates are not realistic, let me or Laura know.

Thanks

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 8:14 AM, Romin, Laura <laura_romin@fws.gov> wrote:

I had requested (and thought Chris agreed to) a 3 week review period, so let me know if you need a little more time than his proposed turnaround date of April 9.

Laura

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From: **Colt, Chris J -FS** <ccolt@fs.fed.us>
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Laura,

Thanks for the ongoing close coordination of your staff on the sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendment FEIS section 7 consultation. We have appreciated meeting with them on a regular (usually weekly) basis during this process. Attached is a draft version of the Biological Assessment for the Utah Greater Sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendment FEIS for the BLM and US Forest Service. We are submitting this informally at the staff to staff level for review prior to our finalizing the assessment and proceeding with formal section 7 consultation. We would appreciate if you would circulate this document to the appropriate staff for their review and provide us comments back by April 9th. We are available to meet with your staff in person or on a conference call to answer any questions. We will take comments in any format, but "track changes" and comment bubbles in Microsoft Word are often the most efficient. Note that there are two documents attached, the biological assessment and an appendix, which contains both the BLM and the Forest Service proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

Chris Colt

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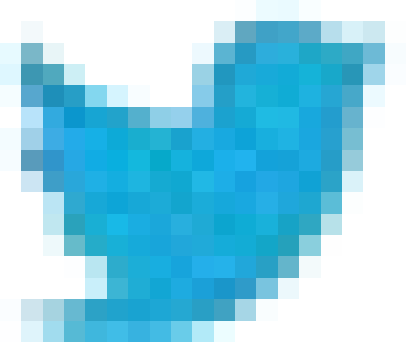

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