From: Kulpa, Sarah
To: Davis, Dawn
Cc: Ted Koch
Subject: Re: Paragraph and Line Item Descriptions for FIAT Assessments
Date: Monday, March 23, 2015 3:46:17 PM

We all need to talk tomorrow. I just took care of it with Doug and Mike. I'll send a calendar invite.

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 2:45 PM, Davis, Dawn <dawn_davis@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Sarah,
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> I'm forwarding another message that you were not included on - at this point it is unclear what will be included in the final assessments as it seems that BLM was not open to additions once the drafts were submitted to EMPSi for final editing and felt that the language we suggested was beyond the scope of the FIAT process.
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Havlina, Douglas** <dhavlina@blm.gov>
> Date: Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 5:55 AM
> Subject: Re: Paragraph and Line Item Descriptions for FIAT Assessments
> To: "Davis, Dawn" <dawn_davis@fws.gov>, Michael Pellant <mpellant@blm.gov>, Jolie Pollet <jpollet@blm.gov>, Ted Koch <ted_koch@fws.gov>
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> Hi Dawn:
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> As you're aware it is pretty late in the game for additions to our reports, particularly for broader buy-in from team members which have contributed to their development. I've spoken with the FIAT tech team about your proposed addition, and have these thoughts.
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> 1. The management actions proposed are covered in land use plans, falling under the management of invasive species and weeds.
> 2. The suggested verbiage dealing with nonnative, invasive species falls beyond the scope of FIAT. The sideboards of FIAT are in part defined by invasive annual grasses which contribute to the fire/invasive annual grass feedback cycle.
> 3. I think our teams have done a great job in identifying invasive annual grass polygons in and around our PPAs where potential treatments may be applied. This work has been commensurate in scale with the identification of potential treatments for the other resource issues, such as conifer removal.
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> I fully appreciate the passion which Ted and the Service brings to the FIAT process in terms of management of invasive species. At the same time, I have been continually reminded by BLM leadership that FIAT cannot make broad commitments which are most appropriately captured in land use plans. This is the fine line that i've been trying to walk throughout the process.
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> On another note, I am finalizing our response to the Service on how we handled the Category 1 and 2 comments you provided in early February, and want to get those to you by the end of this week.

I'm in the remainder of this week so please call with questions.

Thanks, Doug

On Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 1:05 PM, Davis, Dawn <dawn_davis@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Doug,

I made a request to our FWS FIAT team leads yesterday to have language that was being incorporated into the Southern Great Basin report added to the other 4 FIAT assessments (see my original email below) not realizing that the reports had been sent off to EMPSi for final editing. My understanding is that Amy Lueders wanted this paragraph inserted and table line item in at least the Southern Great Basin FIAT plan but do you know if it was incorporated into the other step-down assessments or if there is an opportunity to do so?

Thanks,

Dawn

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From: **Davis, Dawn** <dawn_davis@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 6:02 PM
Subject: Paragraph and Line Item Descriptions for FIAT Assessments
To: Angela Sitz <angela_sitz@fws.gov>, Jason Pyron <jason_pyron@fws.gov>, Katie Powell <katie_powell@fws.gov>, Brandon Miller <brandon_miller@fws.gov>, Jay Martini <jay_martini@fws.gov>, Sarah Kulpa <sarah_kulpa@fws.gov>

Hi all,

To the extent possible can you ensure that the following language taken from the SGB step-down assessment is incorporated into each of the other 4 FIAT assessments?

Paragraph under 4.1.4 Proactive Strategies:

At the time of document preparation, spatial data were not available which portrayed the distribution of non-native, invasive, and/or noxious plant species across the range of GRSG. Therefore, non-native, invasive, and/or noxious plant species need to be inventoried and monitored in each PPA in order to prioritize treatments of these species. Management actions needed in PPAs include: locating infestations, decreasing propagule pressure (especially along roadside areas), treating satellite infestations, and preventing future infestations.

Language to be inserted in every PPA as a project line item:

Under 1st order priority

(Insert PPA Name) Non-Native Treatment: Inventory, treat, and monitor nonnative, invasive species in the PPA.

Thanks - let me know if you have any questions,

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