From: Henson, Paul
To: WHITMAN Richard M * GOV
Cc: BROWNSCOMBE BRETT E; Angela Sitz; Jamie Damon; Anna Harris; Jeff Everett; Brent Lawrence; Elizabeth Materna; Jason Holm; WHITMAN Richard M * GOV; Richard Hannan; Rollie White; Theresa Rabot
Subject: Re: Planning for Sec. Jewell visit to Bend March 27
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2015 1:55:08 PM

Thanks Richard. There might be two field options:

1. field visit to private lands with a cooperator Friday afternoon, and

2. Lek visit Saturday morning.

Angela is working both options to have them available as the principals decide what they want to do.

On Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 1:44 PM, WHITMAN Richard M * GOV <Richard.M.WHITMAN@oregon.gov> wrote:

> Terry and Sarah and I did discuss a short pre-meeting with Governor Brown, perhaps over lunch, on Friday, prior to a presentation of SageCon work, and then a CCAA signing ceremony. There was some discussion of getting in the field Saturday morning.
>
> Richard
>
> **From:** Henson, Paul [mailto:paul_henson@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2015 1:25 PM
> **To:** BROWNSCOMBE BRETT E
> **Cc:** Angela Sitz; Jamie Damon; Anna Harris; Jeff Everett; Brent Lawrence; Elizabeth Materna; Jason Holm; WHITMAN Richard M * GOV; Richard Hannan; Rollie White; Theresa Rabot
> **Subject:** Re: Planning for Sec. Jewell visit to Bend March 27
>
> Thanks Brett,
>
> My understanding is this meeting timing and locale came out of a recent discussion between the Sec and the Gov. The main purpose from the Sec's perspective is to celebrate completion of the various CCAAs, but we are not sure if any discussion of the BLM RMP process is on the agenda.
>
> Re. NRCS, I agree with you and gave Ron Alvarado a heads-up. As of right now, we have asked but do not know if higher level NRCS/USFS officials above Ron are informed or invited.

Re. a premeeting with the Secretary, we don't have any kind of formal agenda or schedule at this point. If you or Richard talk to DOI as coordination on this continues, I recommend you ask if timing might allow such a meeting (On our call Tuesday Terry J. said she would reach out). I know the Sec's staff wants to get her out in the field Friday afternoon, in addition to some sort of CCAA celebration with partners. This might constrain opportunities for such a pre meet, or it might provide opportunities for a smaller group discussion out in the field.

I discussed with Jamie that the best thing at this point is for her, Angela, and Anna to stay in touch as this firms up.

BTW, I talked today to Linda Rowe at Malheur SWCD and we are still going forward with our signing ceremony in Juntura on March 18. Linda thought there would be strong local interest for some partners to come to Bend on the 27th to hear the Sec and the Gov.

thanks,

Paul

On Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 1:02 PM, BRETT E BROWNSCOMBE <brett.e.brownscombe@state.or.us> wrote:

> Paul / All—thanks for the detail, and glad this seems to be happening. A few things to consider and work out as we all talk through this (and maybe you, Richard, Jamie will cover this in tomorrow's sagecon core team meeting):
>
> - BLM (and any discussion of CCA and RMP process)—I figure you all have that covered as a sister DOI agency.
>
> - Involvement of NRCS—would be good to do so given the CCAA connection, and give cred on SGI and recent RCPP news. I know Chief Weller seemed very interested last go-round, and not sure about an invite to him and/or Sec. Vilsack. I know the local guys (Ron and staff) would likely clear calendars. Just flagging this.
>
> - Pre-meeting w/ the Secretary? Last go-round, I believe that was the idea (have a meeting w/ Secretary, Governor, and smaller group) prior to the larger SageCon group meeting and CCAA signing ceremony. I know several partners would be very interested in that, and I think this kind of thing could help w ongoing efforts in Salem (e.g., having key legislators there,

counties, OCA / Jerome Rosa, perhaps Farm Bureau for some face time where the urgency of things could be discussed)

Regards,

-Brett

From: Henson, Paul [mailto:paul_henson@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 1:53 PM
To: Angela Sitz; Jamie Damon; Anna Harris; Jeff Everett
Cc: Rollie White; Elizabeth Materna; Brent Lawrence; Jason Holm; Theresa Rabot; Brett Brownscombe; WHITMAN Richard M * GOV; Richard Hannan
Subject: Planning for Sec. Jewell visit to Bend March 27

Hi Angela, Jamie, Jeff, and Anna,

I wanted to send this email to make sure we in FWS and the State of Oregon are on the same page regarding the pending Secretarial visit. I had calls this morning with Jamie and with Jason. Here are some issues that we all need to be aware of:

1. Goals from DOI for this visit:

a. Celebrate completion of private lands and state CCAAs in OR

b. meet with Gov. Brown and as many local GSG partners as possible

c. conduct a site visit to some GSG habitat, preferably some nearby private lands with CCAA cooperator if possible

d. visit a lek and see birds

2. Potential outline of the visit:

a. Sec arrive Friday (27th) late morning in Bend

b. lunch in Bend (?), followed by CCAA celebration meeting 1-2ish with GSG partners (Governor,Sage Con members, SWCDs, others)

c. afternoon - Sec and Gov drive out to local landowner property to see habitat and have additional GSG discussion (smaller group)

d.evening - return to Bend, spend night

d. Sat (28th) early morning visit lek southeast of Bend (with or w/o Gov?)

e. late morning - Sec depart Bend to Salem for BLM leg of visit

3. Lead roles for local staff managing the visit:

a. Angela is the FWS lead for this visit on the ground in Bend. She is looking into securing a meeting place for Friday's CCAA celebration (USFS/FWS office bldg in Bend), she is looking into possible private landowner visit, and she is researching logistics for the lek visit.

b. Anna is lead PAO POC for FWS, out of the Region. Elizabeth and I will be out of state that week and will not be available.

c. Jeff E. is lead GSG person for our office and will provide support to Angela on logistics and coordination with Jamie on SageCon participation

d. Jamie is lead rep for the State of Oregon, representing Richard and the Governor's office. Jamie will contact SageCon partners re. the upcoming meeting and be a liaison to the Gov's office. She is responsible to let DOI coord the Gov's logistics and agenda.

4. Details of the visit are still emerging.

a. We do not know if other federal government agencies are participating with DOI via the Sec's office (eg, NRCS, USFS, BLM, etc.), but we should count on contacting local officials.

b. We are still proceeding with our scheduled March 18 CCAA signing celebration with the SWCDs in Juntura Oregon. This Secretarial event can build on this and add in the larger Statewide emphasis.

At this point, based on conversations with Jamie and Jason, we should begin letting people know to hold the date and standby for more details later.

Angela/Nancy, obviously we have had little time to plan for logistics. Sorry for this assignment out of left field, but it is a great opportunity to showcase our work and to help Governor Brown get immersed in GSG issues, so i want it to be top priority. Let's talk this week on whatever we need to make this work well.

That's all for now. Thanks,

paul

--

Paul Henson, Ph.D.

> State Supervisor
>
> Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office
>
> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
>
> (503)231-6179

--

Paul Henson, Ph.D.

State Supervisor

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(503)231-6179

--
Paul Henson, Ph.D.
State Supervisor
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(503)231-6179