From: Edgar, Leith
To: Stein, Theodore
Subject: Re: GRSG: final grazing memo and internal Q&A
Date: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:31:44 PM

We're wilder than most states in the Lower 48 as evidenced by more than two thirds of the Gem State being designated wilderness. Good for me (& the critters). There are many worse places to work in America and few better.

Tell me when you're coming out. I gain residency in July and will be exercising my new right to consumptively recreate. I gained my Idaho Hunter's Ed card last month.

On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 3:26 PM, Stein, Theodore <theodore_stein@fws.gov> wrote:

> No worries!
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> And you're right -
> Fewer people and fewer people slavishly tied to their desks would be a thing of beauty.
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> Flew over your country and back on the way to Spokane early in March.
> Looked like someplace I'd love to get lost in.
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> On Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 3:23 PM, Edgar, Leith <leith_edgar@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Sure and thanks for your patience. We are always light on available persons Friday afternoons. Must be the beauty of Idaho.
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>> Best,
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>> Leith
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>> On Mon, 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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>>> 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:

Good afternoon

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.

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.

Thanks very much

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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