From: Will Meeks
To: Matt Kales
Subject: Re: GrSG conservation on NWRS lands
Date: Friday, March 07, 2014 8:21:52 PM

Sounds good. I should be around.

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On Mar 7, 2014, at 3:49 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi, Will. If you have a free moment before this call, I'd like to sit with you for a few to talk about some specifics, your thoughts/direction, and about the emerging context for this call w/re: NWRS' larger role in SG conservation. I'm downtown all day Monday for WAFWA/North American meetings but have time Tuesday before the call if that works for you. Thanks.
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> Matt
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> **From:** Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 3:30 PM
> **To:** Elizabeth Berkley; Nick Kaczor; Tom Koerner; Bridget Nielsen; Brendan Moynahan; Lindy Garner
> **Cc:** Ann Timberman; David Lucas; Richard Potts; Jeff King; Will Meeks; Paul Santavy; Heather Johnson; Wayne King; Barbara Boyle; Carl Millegan; Pat Deibert; Nicole Alt; Michael Thabault
> **Subject:** RE: GrSG conservation on NWRS lands
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> Folks,
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> Thanks for the quick response to the scheduling poll. The clear winner is next **Tuesday, March 11, at 1 pm MST**. Please see below call information. We have one hour budgeted for the call and, per my earlier message, we'll review our basic goals and objectives as a team, scope and brainstorm issues, and then line out some next steps. Please come prepared to participate actively in the conversation: we are looking to you as practitioners to help us understand what's happening on the ground, opportunities to enhance sage-grouse/sage-steppe conservation on our lands and on larger landscapes, and provide other insights and perspective you may have on how we move forward as a Service with this large and complex issue.
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> Thanks in advance for your time, please let me know if you have any immediate thoughts, and we look forward to speaking with everyone next week.
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> Have a good weekend, all.

Matt

Call information: Greater sage-grouse conservation on NWRS lands
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And the actual link:

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Folks,

Per my previous message(below), here is the scheduling poll for our call. If we can get a quorum of the recipients in the "To" field here, along with Will and Pat, we'll hold the call; otherwise, I'll send out another poll with alternate dates. Thanks in advance for your reply.

Matt

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 1:38 PM
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Subject: GrSG conservation on NWRS lands

Folks,

I hope this finds everyone well. Will Meeks and I have had some conceptual conversations about developing a fuller understanding about ongoing and emerging conservation efforts for Greater sage-grouse on National Wildlife Refuge System lands, both here in Region 6 and across GrSG range (i.e., in Regions 1 and 8). While our lands represent a small portion of the species' total range, we want to ensure we are maximizing opportunities to conserve the species on lands we control and that our current management activities are consistent with the Service's, and our partners', range-wide conservation goals for sage-grouse.

To advance that conversation, we'd like to pull together a small, informal team of individuals with experience working on GrSG, sagebrush-steppe conservation, and related efforts, to identify and explore some key questions related to the above issues. Will has kindly provided your names as members of that team, so by way of this message I'm asking you all to please start thinking about those key questions and potential approaches to enhance sage-grouse conservation on and adjacent to NWRS lands. Our plan is to convene an initial team call at the regional level with NWRS leadership, Dr. Pat Deibert, our National Sage-Grouse Conservation Coordinator (copied here) and generate a preliminary suite of topics to consider (e.g., fire and invasives management, hunting, research, etc.). We can then determine the best way to proceed with analyzing these topics and - where appropriate/necessary - identifying any recommendations or follow-on actions. From there, we can engage our sister regions to expand the geographic, and potentially topical, scope of the conversation.

I'll send out a scheduling poll shortly for that initial team call, which we'll seek to hold in early March. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any immediate thoughts or questions, and thanks in advance for your time on what I expect will be an interesting and productive process.

Regards,

Matt

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