From: Noreen Walsh
To: Matt Kales
Subject: Re: going final with the BP today
Date: Monday, May 06, 2013 12:58:04 PM

Well I am still stumped how to reattach to a new email so if u figure it out holler :)

Noreen Walsh
Regional Director
Mountain-Prairie Region
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On May 6, 2013, at 2:50 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

> For sure, but I'm happy to help from here.
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> On May 6, 2013, at 12:47 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> I can figure it out - IPAD better than IPHONE!! ❓ ❓:)
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>> Noreen Walsh
>> Regional Director
>> Mountain-Prairie Region
>> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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>> On May 6, 2013, at 2:45 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>> Shouldn't be a problem.
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>>> On May 6, 2013, at 12:42 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>>> I didnt realize you weren't coming back to the office
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>>>> Noreen Walsh
>>>> Regional Director
>>>> Mountain-Prairie Region
>>>> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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>>>> On May 6, 2013, at 2:40 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>>>> Got it. Think I can manage the below via iPhone.

On May 6, 2013, at 12:33 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> I just sent Mike T the revision. ⬩When I go final later today I need your help....IPAD challenged.
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> Transmit to me the final BP clean with no commentary, with the first 4 attached files below also attached to the email. ⬩Only the first 4, I don't want to send the last 2 now.
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> that will be what I send to Dan and Gary. ⬩I know you are at the dentist, and I don't think we need to call unless this doesn't make sense.
>
> Muchos gracias
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> NW
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> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
> Mountain-Prairie Region
> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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> On May 2, 2013, at 4:30 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov>

wrote:

Hi, Noreen.

Per your below, we have identified and packaged (attached) pertinent correspondence re: FWS approval of state plans. Please find attached the following items:

1. Sec. Salazar's 12/11 letter to Governors re:
2. FWS 05/07/08 letter to WY re: that

state
core
area
strategy

3.

FWS
4/10/13
letter
to
ID
re:
that
state
plan

4.

FWS
formal
comments
to
ODFW
Commission
on
that
state
planning
efforts
(see
section
re:
FWS
perspective
on
OR
plan)

5.

An
updated
status
report
for
state
planning
efforts
(note

we are still waiting on updates from WA, ND, CA and NV).

6.

A draft BP re: the approval issue

- We believe this captures our formal communications to states on this issue to date, but will advise you if we identify additional items. As you review item 6, the

internal BP on this issue, we recommend including some additional language that points up what we believe to be at the core of this issue, namely that **states, in seeking regulatory certainty, are looking to us to approve plans in the same context we approve state plans for species currently listed**

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a state
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authority
at this
time
to
approve
a plan
in such
a way
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would
provide
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for the
states.
It
follows
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possible
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have a
full
and
accurate
understanding
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of our
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is not
to
approve
but to
review
and
determine
if we
can
support
a state
plan in
the
context
of our
analysis.
Further,
we
think
that
we can
and
should
go one
step

past that clarification and identify for the state a vehicle by which they can demonstrate, in a qualitative way(s), how the measures in their plans will inform our analysis, specifically our PECE process.

If the above language or at least the concept - works, we'll incorporate it into the next

iteration of the BP.

Beyond that, please let me know if you need additional materials to inform the conversation with the Director on this issue in advance of the 5/17 telecon w/the SGTF. Thanks.

Matt

From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 7:52 AM

To: Matt Kales

Cc:

Michael Thabault; nicole_alt@fws.gov; pat deibert

Subject: reviewing GSG correspondence to states before we finalize recommendation to Dir

Matt,

Can you assist the ES program in the following:

Gather any pertinent correspondence (beginning with any official notes from the December 2011 Secy Salazar meeting in Cheyenne and any letters the

Secy
sent
right
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that
meeting),
that
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which
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writing
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topic
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two
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sent to
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like
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review
to
inform
our
recommendation
to the
Director,
so
please
also
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in the
packet
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for me
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letters
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have
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in the
right
place.
If they
are not
there,
will
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please
make
sure a
folder
is
established
for
state
plan
correspondence?

I need
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latest,
but
would
value it
sooner
if you
all can
make
that
happen,
so that
we can
have a
good

dialogue with the Director before the 5/17 SGTF teleconf on this topic.
All, please holler if you have questions.

Thanks, Noreen

Noreen Walsh
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<Ltr from Salazar to Governors (December 2011) Greater Sage Grouse.pdf>

<05-07-08_Letter to Ryan Lance.pdf>

<CLBO GRSG FWS response letter 4_10_13.pdf>

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