From: Thabault, Michael
To: Steffel, Judy
Subject: Re: Greater Sage Grouse Funding
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 3:56:43 PM

What did the memo say that we sent to BLM. I recall there was money for the RO in there. We should have fund targeted ourselves already.

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On Tue, Mar 19, 2013 at 3:44 PM, Steffel, Judy <judy_steffel@fws.gov> wrote:

> Here's a couple of proposals:
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> **Proposal A** - Retrieve the 136K from UT and redistribute 34K ($136/4) to the 4 offices.
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> **Proposal B** - Retrieve the 136K from UT and redistribute as follows:
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> 36K to UT since their agreement was only for 100K. That would match the agreement which states that UT would get $136K.
>
> 32K to the RO to help cover some of Pat Deibert's, Nicole's and Mike's travel & payroll.
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> 68K remaining could be divided by 4 and sent to the 4 field offices (17K per office)
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> We can make either of the above options happen or if there are other options...just let us know.
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> Judy
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> On Tue, Mar 19, 2013 at 2:44 PM, Alt, Nicole <nicole_alt@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > I keep forgetting that Larry negotiated his own deal with BLM for a SG position. Check the distribution of the funds from the reimbursable agreement and let Mike and I know what you think we should do. Thanks.
> >
> > Nicole Alt
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From: **Larry Crist** <larry_crist@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 19, 2013 at 2:16 PM
Subject: Greater Sage Grouse Funding
To: Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov>, Nicole Alt <nicole_alt@fws.gov>
Cc: Marie Gonnella <marie_gonnella@fws.gov>

Hey Guys,

I hate to look a gift horse in the mouth but…..

We were recently fund targeted $136,792.45 to FRES48020660240 for Greater Sage Grouse. If I understand correctly this funding is part of the BLM money for the sage grouse positions However, we had previously received $100,000 from Utah BLM for our sage grouse biologist position that we are holding in another account.

Now I would be happy to keep the money and use it to fund our sage grouse position (assuming it comes thru) for another year but I'm guessing that was not the intent. Let me know what's up with this funding since it's not in our calculations

I guess this is what I get for having an AO that keeps such good track of things!

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