From: Matt Kales
To: Will Meeks
Cc: Paul Santavy
Subject: Re: GrSG Q&A
Date: Thursday, May 01, 2014 5:58:02 PM

Thanks. On another note, we are seeking some technical expertise on federal mineral laws. I recall you all had folks on staff focused on oil and gas at one time; is there someone currently on your team or in HQ we could get with for a few on the 1872 and related statues? Thanks in advance.

On May 1, 2014, at 5:04 PM, Will Meeks <will_meeks@fws.gov> wrote:

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> Looks good by me. Thanks.
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> Sincerely,
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> Deep pockets
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> On May 1, 2014, at 11:49 AM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Howdy. I'm writing to make sure you are good with the below for an internal Q&A document we are developing for some Congressional briefings in DC next week:
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>> **Q: What is FWS doing on its National Wildlife Refuge System units to support and advance sage-grouse conservation?**
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>> **A: While our refuge lands only contain a small (~1.5%) portion of the overall sage-grouse range, we are actively working to ensure our management of those lands supports larger conservation goals for the species. Specifically, FWS is: (a) analyzing current management activities and practices across NWRS units in sage-grouse range to confirm our management is consistent with and complementary of the land management recommendations we have identified for BLM and**

FS lands in the federal planning process; (b) identifying opportunities to conduct targeted scientific research on NWRS lands to address key questions about sage-grouse conservation; and, (c) exploring potential enhancements of existing refuge lands and boundaries to maximize our conservation footprint in important sage-steppe landscapes.

1200 MDT tomorrow (5/2) is our deadline to wrap this for Noreen and the other RDs. Thanks.

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