From: Matt Kales
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: going final with the BP today
Date: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 6:05:36 AM

Morning. I'm home today w/my daughter, who has a bug, but will work w/Debbie first thing to get you the below. Should have it to you a couple hours from now. Thanks.

On May 6, 2013, at 6:43 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Ok, just now getting to this. ?
> What I need is an email from you to me with the briefing statement that Mike just finalized and the first four files from your correspondence review, all attached.
> ?I want to transmit to director and then program can input to DTS after that. ?
> Tomorrow morning is fine.
> Thanks for all you are doing.
> NW
>
> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
> Mountain-Prairie Region
> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
>
> On May 6, 2013, at 3:06 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
>
>> Think it makes sense for you to let me know what you want packaged/sent then I can work w/Debbie by phone to assemble same and transmit to you as a turnkey message.?
>>
>> On May 6, 2013, at 12:58 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> 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.
>>>>
>>>> On May 6, 2013, at 12:47 PM, Noreen

Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> I can figure it out - IPAD better than IPHONE!! ◆ ◆:)
>
> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
> Mountain-Prairie Region
> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
>
> On May 6, 2013, at 2:45 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
>
>> Shouldn't be a problem.
>>
>> On May 6, 2013, at 12:42 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> I didnt realize you weren't coming back to the office
>>>
>>> Noreen Walsh
>>> Regional Director
>>> Mountain-Prairie Region
>>> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
>>>
>>> On May 6,

2013,
at 2:40
PM,
Matt
Kales
<matt_kales@fws.gov>
wrote:

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

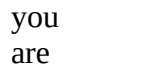
your
help....IPAD
challenged.

Transmit
to
me
the
final
BP
clean
with
no
commentary,
with
the
first
4
attached
files
below
also
attached
to
the
email.

the
first
4,
I
don't
want
to
send
the
last
2
now.

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

NW

Noreen Walsh

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

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's core area strategy

3.

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

4.

FWS formal comments to ODFW Commission on that state's planning efforts (see section re: FWS perspective on OR's 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
under
the
Act,
e.g.,
to
support
a
delisting
effort,
when
in
fact
sage-
grouse
are
currently
a
state
trust
resource
and
therefore
we
don't
have
the

authority
at
this
time
to
approve
a
plan
in
such
a
way
it
would
provide
regulatory
certainty
for
the
states.
It
follows
it
is
essential
we
clarify
this
issue
as
soon
as
possible
with
state
leadership
so
they
have
a
full
and
accurate
understanding
of

the
purpose
of
our
review,
which
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
after
that
meeting),
that
speak
to
or
allude
to
the
degree
to
which
the
Service
would

approve
state
plans.

We
need
to
review
what

we
have
put
in
writing
on
this
topic
over
that
last
two
years
and
what
we
have
already
sent
to
states.
I
would
like
that
review
to
inform
our
recommendation
to
the
Director,
so
please
also
include
in
the
packet
you
prepare
for
me
the

letters
we
have
sent
to
WY
and
the
letters
we
have
sent
to
ID.
I
am
attaching
here
the
ones
I
already
am
aware
of.
I
didn't
find
these
on
the
sharepoint,
but
maybe
I
am
just
not
looking
in
the
right
place.
If
they

are
not
there,
will
you
please
make
sure
a
folder
is
established
for
state
plan
correspondence?

I
need
this
by
next
Friday
5/3
at
the
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
Regional Director
Mountain-Prairie Region
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
303 236 7920
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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>

<FWSsage-grouse-position ODFW Commission testimony 1.doc>

<Status of Sage-grouse Planning Efforts (May 2013) (2).docx>

<State plans bp 4-24-13 rev.doc>