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Hi Pat. FYI, John Carlson with the MT/Dakotas State BLM Office (Billings) emailed me and called today about conferencing on their RMPs, but did also refer to potential hesitancy at their WO level. I'll let you know where it goes. Just curious - have any other BLM offices raised this issue? Thanks

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Hi Jeff -

We have been down the conferencing route re: sage-grouse many times with BLM and always have had the door slammed in our face. Their WO directive is not to conference, which just seems downright silly to me. I even offered my first born to no avail. There has been some support at the local level BLM offices, but it generally doesn't go far once word gets to their WO.

If you have any good ideas on this I'd love to work with you. Seems like the right path.....

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Hi Pat. As we're starting to proceed through these numerous BLM RMP/EIS revisions, and associated ESA section 7 consultations, I'm wondering if the Service has conveyed (or should convey) a consistent recommendation to BLM with respect to including or not including GSG in the consultations (conferences) at this stage. It's of course ultimately BLM's call as we're dealing with a candidate species - maybe even at the local office level - but it would be good to know if such discussions had taken place at higher levels. Have you heard anything along those lines, or have any insight to share? Thanks,

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