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This looks like an "approach to" a mitigation plan or strategy, but is not a mitigation plan (in my mind). While this "framework" of how the mitigation will be approached is more than what we've seen before, I think all the relevant specifics are lacking.

I have a call into Chris Keefe here at BLM regarding what comments he has provided or will provide-- last week when we talked about this he also felt like all the needed details were lacking and was going to comment accordingly.

I don't want to spend a lot of time on this because we prepared a 7-page mitigation guidance document for the project proponents to follow. I don't have the time or inclination-- and I don't believe it's our job-- to flesh-out a mitigation plan for them.

Jeri, I'd like to know your thoughts on this.

Thanks

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Hi, Jeri, Tyler, and Lynn,

Have you reviewed Appendix C-3, the "Greater Sage-grouse Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation Measures" section, of the admin FEIS for Gateway West? I apologize for not finding this part of the document sooner.

Could you please take a quick look and see if this draft outline is beginning to address our

recommendations for a mitigation plan following the results of the HEA? Any comments you could provide would be helpful.

Thanks a ton!
[attachment "Appendix C_Part2.pdf" deleted by Tyler Abbott/R6/FWS/DOI]

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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. ~Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac