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Subject: Re: HiLine Biological Assessment (DRAFT)
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:02:03 AM

Hi Craig - thanks for the revised draft. So you're looking for comments on this, then you will finalize, then submit for concurrence - is that what you're thinking? Based on the Fed Family meeting, it seems like there are still a number of SG issues floating out there to be resolved by BLM (largely global - but some MT-specific and HiLine-specific issues) that could influence the proposed action. So is your plan to make sure that all of that is addressed before submitting the BA so that the proposed action in the EIS matches the proposed action in the BA? Just curious what the approach is there. I'm trying to look at this draft ASAP (hopefully by Monday). We have 30 days to concur with final BAs - my goal would be to handle it sooner than that, but given our situation I couldn't steadfastly promise anything quicker. I'm ccing John & Jake also since this is an issue for all of the MT/Dakotas plans. Thanks

Jeff

On Mon, Mar 3, 2014 at 7:46 AM, Miller, Craig <cmiller@blm.gov> wrote:

> Jeff,
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> I know you are very busy, but I am getting more questions on a time line for the BA. Any thoughts on a date for review of the BA? thanks much...
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> Jeff,
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> I wanted to send you Version 2 of the BA. I have added the (3) new proposed

species and adjusted the PPA map. Everything else is basically the same.

This is a draft and I plan to respond to your recommendations and have this back to in time for a Letter of Concurrence by mid-April so we can include it in the FEIS.

What are your thoughts on that time table?

thanks much...

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