From: Norman, Kate
To: Michael Thabault
Subject: Re: GSG 2015, Talking Points for 5/22
Date: Friday, May 16, 2014 11:07:11 AM

Also- to clarify. I was not planning to be on today's call, but I'm more than happy to participate if that would be helpful.

Thanks,
K

On Fri, May 16, 2014 at 1:03 PM, Norman, Kate <kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:

> Will do!
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> Quick question:
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> 1. **Do you want me to include your talking points for folks?** or just Agenda, Questions, Briefing Schedule?
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> On Fri, May 16, 2014 at 12:39 PM, Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Thanks Kate can we make sure all the relevant people on the call this afternoon have the products for discussion purposes. I have a call at 4:00 with Noreen to get her feedback on the agenda.
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>> On May 16, 2014, at 10:29 AM, "Norman, Kate" <kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>> Thanks, Mike!
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>>> **EDITS**
>>> I've incorporated your edits and added one introductory point related to the amount of data we're working with then I shuffled the rest of my original "what have we done" down to the kick off for the Expectations discussion (which you can totally scrap if that doesn't make sense there).
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>>> **TOOLS**
>>> The "Tools" header relates to the afternoon session. I was trying to think about how to maintain flow and tee up the presentation for Kevin/Pat, but I'm not married to any of it if it's not working for you.
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>>> Please let me know if there's anything else you need :)

Thanks,
K

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On Thu, May 15, 2014 at 5:52 PM, Thabault, Michael
<michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

> Kate thank you so much for all your work. I assume the tools discussion is a place holder for the afternoon.
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> I am thinking after what we have done so far a recapture of what we want to do going forward might be in order. Some thoughts might include the following. I think it is important to frame the meeting on what our best proposal is and then have a conversation about some of the specifics as the conversation unfolds. Probably not especially eloquent but some of the things I have been thinking about.
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> We want to look at the most important things for conservation be they threats or positive actions
> We believe that some independent analysis of certain issues will be necessary . We believe this will require some modelling
> We believe that expertise from various sectors (states etc) will be essential to success
> We will need a way to bring disparate pieces of information together into a coherent story. We will need some tools to help us do that
> Some of these are still undefined and we anticipate enlisting others to help us define
> We need to be able to determine the scope of uncertainty and put some boundaries on that
> We want to, at the end of the day, provide the decision makers with a reasonable range of scenarios that will provide information on potential abundance and distributions of sage grouse that can then inform the policy decision as to status
> We want to and anticipate that we will bring key decision points to the RDs for input and direction along the way.
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On Thu, May 15, 2014 at 11:25 AM, Norman, Kate
<kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon-

I know that things may change, but wanted to draft some talking points.

These are posted to a separate library on SharePoint (only Nicole, Mike, & Kate can view).
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Thanks!
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