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Subject:	Re: GSG FMT call - May 9 (1pm PT, 2pm MT, 3pm CT)
Date:	Thursday, May 09, 2013 3:37:47 PM

Thanks for covering this Betsy!
Laura.

From: Betsy Herrmann [mailto:betsy_herrmann@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 02:34 PM
To: Laura Romin <laura_romin@fws.gov>
Subject: FW: GSG FMT call - May 9 (1pm PT, 2pm MT, 3pm CT)

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Subject: Fwd: GSG FMT call - May 9 (1pm PT, 2pm MT, 3pm CT)

Can you sit in on this? I can listen in for a few minutes, but I need to leave at 2:20 - have a haircut appt. I didn't have this call on my calendar...uggh.

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From: **Alt, Nicole** <nicole_alt@fws.gov>
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Please call in from one office where possible. Thank you.

GSG Monthly FMT Calls

May 9, 2013

2:00 p.m. (MT)/ 1:00 p.m. (PT)/3:00 p.m. (CT)

CALL #: 877-901-6917

Participant code: 4401420#

1. FMT meeting in Boise, ID – June 4-5

- logistics (Region 1 or Idaho)

- request for agenda topics (Nicole/Matt)

2. State plan support and correspondence discussion (Matt) – No mechanism to provide "concurrence" on the state plans re: using them in BLM's planning process. Briefing paper provided to Director w/ input from field offices (not sure if that has gone up yet or not).

3. Developing guidance for reporting conservation efforts (Nicole) – (for 2015 decision) being developed

4. Fire (Matt) – BLM draft IM – Service had some concerns (too coarse, potential for unintended consequences) and provided comments, BLM is revising.

5. Status of sage-grouse positions & reimbursable agreement (Nicole)

6. Mitigation update (Paul) – subteam has developed a range-wide mitigation strategy – to improve consistency and provide guidance on conservation banking, where, how, templates, etc. -- will email to FMT.

7. DOD conservation efforts discussion (Mike) – primarily OR and WA, looking at partnering opportunities for beneficial actions to GSG. FWS sees a lot of potential conservation opportunity (on base and off base), especially acquisition. Formed a subgroup to work further w/ DOD. Discussed INRMPs – Mike T. thinks these are the mechanism to use, but DOD seems to be looking at them too narrowly. Could provide "certainty" that DOD seeks if we have a conference opinion on an INRMP.

8. RO & FO updates or issues that need attention

- BLM plan reviews and common issues (Pat) – hard to see how they are creating a good regulatory mechanism; formats all over the board, not well-coordinated internally by BLM. They must be able to communicate conservation for GSG within a regulatory framework, connect the dots, but all states are struggling so far with this. BLM will now be using tables for analysis that were developed in MT (now on share point). NW Colorado BLM is using a hybrid table that is very good. Pat encourages us to discuss w/ our FWS counterparts and with her. NGOs pushing back, concerned w/ lack of consistency between the states. Big opportunity between Draft and Final plans – BLM indicates lots of changes will be made.

- FO and other updates – I told them our letter went to the State yesterday, as did the letter from BLM to the State which said one alternative of the EIS would be derived from the State's plan and that BLM would not use the State plan's mapped priority areas as the basis of all the alternative maps.

Call finished at 3:25.

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