From: Wightman, Catherine
To: Berglund, Jeff
Subject: RE: Leks
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At last count, 697 leks in core and 419 in non-core. The core number would include special management areas. The potential new Garfield/McCone core would add 55 leks. It has been modified and reduced in size once we discussed with field folks. I can explain – I think!

A few other numbers that I was interested in:
WY – core is 15 million acres or 35% of mapped sage-grouse habitat (or 25% of state)
MT – core is 9 million acres or 27% of mapped sage-grouse habitat (or 10% of state). It would take an additional 3 million acres to meet WY's 35% and because of the lower densities in what wasn't originally mapped as core, 3 million acres probably still wouldn't get us to 82% of the birds.

I interpret these numbers to mean we need better protection in general habitat than WY. Not a message Council wants to hear.

You may not be coming to work tomorrow. Anything we need to talk about in case you are out for several days?
Catherine

From: Berglund, Jeff [mailto:jeff_berglund@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2013 11:42 AM
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Hey - quick question. Do you guys know off the top of your heads approximately how many active leks occur in core habitat? I know the concept of "core" is somewhat up in the air, with the looming consideration of special management areas as well as the potential Garfield/McCone county addition, but I'm interested in that # based on what's shown now as core... Thanks!

Jeff

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