From: Norman, Kate
To: Michael Thabault
Subject: Re: GSG 2015, Talking Points for 5/22
Date: Friday, May 16, 2014 11:03:20 AM

Will do!

Quick question:

1. **Do you want me to include your talking points for folks?** or just Agenda, Questions, Briefing Schedule?

On Fri, May 16, 2014 at 12:39 PM, Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

> 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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> Michael Thabault
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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 :)
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>> Thanks,
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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.

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.

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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