From:	Noreen Walsh
To:	Michael Thabault
Subject:	RE: Hunting GrSG
Date:	Thursday, September 05, 2013 5:56:52 PM

Thank you!

Noreen Walsh
Regional Director
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From: Thabault, Michael [mailto:michael_thabault@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Fwd: Hunting GrSG

Per your request

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From: **Klaas, Vicki** <vicki_klaas@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 4, 2013 at 9:26 AM
Subject: Re: Hunting GrSG
To: Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov>, Nicole Alt <nicole_alt@fws.gov>

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Mailed to Jeff Ver Steeg back in November 2012 is attached.

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On Wed, Sep 4, 2013 at 8:28 AM, Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:
V, I am positive this got signed. Would have been months ago to Jeff VerSteeg. Can you do some sleuthing? Thanks.

Michael Thabault
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov>
> **Date:** September 3, 2013, 9:41:57 PM MDT
> **To:** pat deibert <Pat_Deibert@fws.gov>
> **Cc:** Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: Hunting GrSG**
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> Pat, see below....did we actually end up sending a letter to CO or am i crazy?
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> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
> Mountain-Prairie Region
> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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> Begin forwarded message:
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>> **From:** Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov>
>> **Date:** September 3, 2013, 9:40:27 PM MDT
>> **To:** "Dale - DNR, Lisa" <lisa.dale@state.co.us>
>> **Subject: Re: Hunting GrSG**
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>> Hi Lisa, sorry for the delay. This is a recurring and important question; many people question this issue. I believe we sent a letter to CO not too long ago on this topic. I should first make sure you have a copy of that for reference so let me know if you have not seen it. It would be good to talk about this then. I am back in the office Thursday and Friday. Could I call you then?
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>> Best regards,
>> Noreen
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>> Noreen Walsh
>> Regional Director
>> Mountain-Prairie Region
>> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On Aug 27, 2013, at 11:16 AM, "Dale - DNR, Lisa"
<lisa.dale@state.co.us> wrote:

Hi Noreen,

We are trying to get our arms around the hunting of Greater Sage Grouse in Colorado. We understand that the FWS has deemed continued hunting not to be a threat to the species, and I think I'm aware of the handful of arguments for continuing the practice (raises conservation funding and support, increases awareness, demonstrates the health of the species). But the topic keeps coming up and we are often asked about why in the world we would continue to allow hunting when we are leaning on everyone else to reduce their impact.

I'd welcome your thoughts on this issue. In particular, we wonder about the practice in the other 10 states in the range. How many of them still allow hunting? Do you have summary information (including the number of hunting tags issued each year, the number harvested, etc.) readily available?

We are considering pushing a policy change in Colorado and want to be sure we are working with full information. Thanks in advance.

Hope all is well,

Cheers,

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