From:	Matt Kales
To:	Lief Wiechman
Subject:	RE: GRSG: status on revised CED content for Dan/Noreen"s SGTF briefing package?
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Okay, thanks. Here's that short summary of the FOIA/privacy issues Nicole drafted earlier:

From: Wiechman, Lief [mailto:lief_wiechman@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 3:53 PM
To: Matt Kales
Subject: Re: GRSG: status on revised CED content for Dan/Noreen's SGTF briefing package?

I'm working on it now, will try to get it to you in the next 10 minutes before I gotta head to day care to grab the little one.
If I can't get it finished, you'll have it before you go to bed tonight.
Sorry, I'm in the weeds today.

I'm adding:
- info on data security
- protection of Private Lands Info
- amount of outreach we've done

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On Mon, Oct 6, 2014 at 3:48 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
Please advise. Am meeting with Noreen at 415 to go over everything. Thanks.

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Summary of Landowner Data Issues
October 1, 2014

Several states in sage-grouse range with laws that protect landowner information are concerned about sharing species information with federal agencies (spec., FWS, BLM and USGS) because of Freedom of Information Act requests and the agencies' inability to protect those data once it is their files. The National Park Service has an exemption under FOIA for species location information, and we (FWS) have considered requesting a similar exemption. (Given related Congressional interest in data we use for regulatory analysis and decision making, we have not pursued that request for FWS.).

In light of some states' desire to collaborate with us and comply with state privacy laws, state support for a FOIA exemption could aid our request for a formal exemption. In the event that this is not a current or future option, we will continue to pursue options to collaborate with the states to access important species information without maintaining that information in our files and subjecting it to potential FOIA requests.