From: Matt Kales
To: Paul Santavy
Subject: RE: HELP- sage grouse tour for Director
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:30:45 AM

Thanks. Will do and yup: I now have all the items we discussed and will work them all into one document for Dan. Will copy you on the review draft for Matt.

From: Paul Santavy [mailto:paul_santavy@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:59 AM
To: Matt Kales
Cc: Kathy Perez
Subject: Fwd: HELP- sage grouse tour for Director

Here is elk blurb. Needs a little wordsmithing. I would take out the access issue, shouldn't be a problem then. Add early morning viewing is critical, the show is over a soon as the first eagle or hawk flies by. Should spend night before in Jackson.

Hope the 3 you got from us fit the bill

-Paul

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Cris Dippel <cris_dippel@fws.gov>
> **Date:** March 25, 2014 at 9:41:59 AM MDT
> **To:** Paul Santavy <paul_santavy@fws.gov>
> **Cc:** Steve Kallin <steve_kallin@fws.gov>
> **Subject: RE: HELP- sage grouse tour for Director**
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> Everybody is out but me. Is this the reason Kathy Perez called? I tried calling her back on Dean's old number but a Cisco answering service picks up and goes in a loop that you can't get out of.
>
> There is one main lek on the National Elk Refuge located in the North Gap area. Activity generally peaks in mid- to late-April. The week of April 21st would be in the middle of that traditional peak. Travel to that lek at that time of the year could be tricky depending on melt off or remaining snow. There are a few leks to the north in GTNP where activity tends to run later into the spring, they are located within a few hundred yards of paved roads. We can coordinate with NPS, if needed, to visit those leks if North Gap is unavailable due to road conditions or activity has tapered off.
>
> Is this what you were looking for? If not, call me on my cell phone and I'll return to the office and go for version 2.

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From: Paul Santavy [mailto:paul_santavy@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:17 AM
To: Steve Kallin; Cris Dippel; Eric Cole
Subject: HELP- sage grouse tour for Director

I need to get a write up for a sage grouse lek tour option to the director by noon today. NER was selected for ease of in and out of Jackson. We have several options, this is just one of them.

Please see example below. Yours can be shorter and to the point, but please add time frame, ie late April.

If i dont see anything from one of you by about 11, i'll do the write up.

Sorry for short notice. Thanks.

-Paul

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Santavy, Paul" <paul_santavy@fws.gov>
> **Date:** March 24, 2014 at 2:51:36 PM MDT
> **To:** Barbara Boyle <barbara_boyle@fws.gov>, Heather Johnson <heather_johnson@fws.gov>, Kathy Perez <kathy_perez@fws.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: FW: sage-grouse lek potential viewing**
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> An example of what Kales is looking for re the Director sage grouse lek tour. I think a little shorter and more specific to each area (Arapaho, National Elk, and private ranch) would be good. Kales wants ASAP. Thanks!
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> _____
> **PAUL SANTAVY**, *CFP, AWB*
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> From: **Matt Kales** <matt_kales@fws.gov>

Date: Mon, Mar 24, 2014 at 1:41 PM
Subject: FW: sage-grouse lek potential viewing
To: Paul Santavy <paul_santavy@fws.gov>
Cc: Nicole Alt <nicole_alt@fws.gov>

Good example of the content we are seeking for the SG lek viewing prospectus for the Director. Would encourage you/r folks to think and write similarly. (Note Pat captured the "what, where, why and how" criteria I mentioned in my second VM to you.) Thanks.

From: Deibert, Pat [mailto:pat_deibert@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 12:16 PM
To: Matt Kales
Subject: sage-grouse lek potential viewing

Matt -

There are several leks around the Big Piney area of Wyoming in the Upper Green River Basin. This area is a great example of sagebrush ecosystems, and supports large populations of mule deer, pronghorn antelope and one of the most robust populations of sage-grouse. It is also home to large scale oil and gas development.

The Big Piney leks are all on BLM land, and are very active. It would be approximately a 90 minute drive from Jackson (I would encourage actually spending the night in Pinedale as the trip through Hoback Canyon can be "sporty" depending on weather conditions, and probably best attempted during daylight if possible. (also helps with the views!). The leks would be approximately 1/2 hour drive from Pinedale.

We can tie in private land folks or BLM if desired, as well as WGFD and the Governor's office (Bob Budd). Lots of opportunities to talk about private land contributions, landscape scales, energy development demands. Great example of impacts on wildlife with creative solutions (Trapper's point overpass for antelope). This area was really the best of the best and still significantly contributes to sage-grouse conservation in Wyoming.

Dan could fly into Jackson and spend time on the NER and visit their leks, then travel to the Big Piney area. Its a nice juxtaposition - small, isolated population on highly fragmented landscapes, to a large open area with a robust population and examples of one of our primary threats. After the viewing in Big Piney, we can return Dan to Jackson (with the much better daylight view of the Hoback) for a flight out in the afternoon.

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got leks?