From: Nicole Alt
To: Matt Kales
Cc: Kate Norman; Michael Thabault
Subject: Re: Heads up - We may have lost Jim Peterson, USGS SDM Support
Date: Friday, March 07, 2014 3:17:14 PM

Take the time available Kate and get Sarah and Dave going. I'll be out of pocket on Monday as Matt mentioned. Let's also take the 3/17 slot to get this party started.

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On Mar 7, 2014, at 2:59 PM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Kate. We three are likely going to be at the WAFWA EOC/NorAm/NPT pretty much all of Monday, 3/10. We have a window between 1 and 3 but may need that time to prep for the NPT meeting that afternoon, so I think we'd do better to look at the following week. Having said that, I defer to Mike and Nicole, who know their schedules better than I and may have more flex next Monday morning. Thanks again, and have a good weekend.

Matt

From: Norman, Kate [mailto:kate_norman@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 2:12 PM
To: Michael Thabault; Matt Kales; Alt, Nicole
Subject: Re: Heads up - We may have lost Jim Peterson, USGS SDM Support

Good Afternoon-

Sarah and Dave from USGS are available to chat on Monday (3/10) morning (ET) - or early in the following week (3/17).

After that, Sarah will be unavailable for 2.5 weeks. I'm hoping to have a touch base call first thing this Monday (3/10) and see what our timeline for working with USGS will look like. I'm rather mindful of our schedule and some of the requests we've received for project plan materials. If we want Sarah to be present for the framework discussion, I think we'd be pushed back to April.

As soon as I hear from Sarah and Dave on a 3/10 call, I'll send the invite.

Thanks!
K

On Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 9:58 AM, Norman, Kate <kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:
Good Morning-

Carol Schuler indicated this morning that we will likely be able to include Dave Smith in our SDM team. Sarah Converse will continue to be involved and Carol is working on additional support in the form of Fred Johnson from Florida. I'll keep you posted as I receive more information.

Thank you!
K

On Fri, Feb 28, 2014 at 4:55 PM, Norman, Kate <kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:
I spoke with Carol Schuler again this afternoon. She's exploring options for USGS to provide SDM expertise to FWS for the sage-grouse status review; she mentioned Dave Smith out of Leetown, VA who was one of the individuals identified by Mike Runge.

Carol indicated USGS' strong commitment to this process and assured me that she'd keep me informed of any developments. She said it may be next week before everything is firmly in place.

Thank you,
K

On Fri, Feb 28, 2014 at 9:07 AM, Norman, Kate <kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:
I just got off the phone with Carol Schuler. She's trying to locate another SDM facilitator (one potential is a gentleman named Fred Johnson out of Flordia) or free up Jim Peterson to continue with the sage-grouse work. She's making calls today and will keep us informed.

I'll share additional information as it becomes available.

Thanks,
K

On Thu, Feb 27, 2014 at 6:07 PM, Norman, Kate <kate_norman@fws.gov> wrote:
I spoke with Jim Peterson today and he indicated that he may not be available to assist with the sage-grouse status review after all. USGS had planned to provide two experts; Jim and Sarah Converse. Jim was planning to take point with Sarah Converse acting in a support role.

I've left messages on Carol Schuler's work and cell phones and I've sent her an email requesting her input.

This is an unfortunate delay; we may need to regroup.

I don't have a great deal more information, but please let me know if you have questions. I'll certainly keep you informed as things progress.

Thank you,
K

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