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Subject:	RE: Heads up: SGTF agenda items and related issues
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Thanks. Noreen wants to see the draft from WGA and have some internal conversations on the below before we agree to lead on any of these agenda items. WGA has assured us we'll have a draft NLT mid-week and will have the opportunity to review/revise before it goes out to the TF. I am available anytime except 11 am and 230 pm MDT to talk with you all. Looping Jesse re: FIAT and other items. Have a good weekend, all.

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Looks like we'll need to do some follow up and prep on CED next week. Let's talk on Monday regarding what we need to do before the TF mtg.

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Folks,

I circled back with Katie Kalinowski about next month's SGTF meeting and she kindly provided some information about the forthcoming agenda:

- The states want to continue the discussion about the CED and their related/parallel efforts. Katie indicated she had heard anecdotal reports from UT and WY that FWS was not being as responsive to states' efforts to follow up and communicate on database issues, so I recommend we be prepared to address same before or at the TF meeting.
- The states also want to continue discussion about the state-federal mitigation strategy and, per last meeting's LPC presentation/discussion, hear from FWS whether and how a mitigation strategy such as that developed for LPC will factor into our ESA listing determination for GrSG.

- The states want a presentation on the recently-completed planning guidance for federal SG conservation plans. (I advised Katie that was best delivered by BLM and FS.) Katie indicated some of the states were "caught off guard" by elements of that guidance, including disturbance caps and land use allocations.
- Other likely agenda items include new research from USGS and NRCS; a FIAT update (as mentioned, I'm working with Jesse on how to best tee up a FIAT issue related to PAC mapping for the states, potentially at the TF, though there may be other, better fora to start that dialogue, e.g., WAFWA EOC); and, a presentation from FS on their species viability policy.

I advised we'll cover any updates to ACK-55 during the round robin, but I do think WGA, and the SGTF, are interested in next steps for this effort, so there may be merit in trying to engage BLM and FS on NEPA and whether those agencies are able/willing to take the ball and run with it from here, especially given the nexus to their lands and their invasive/wildfire issues in the GB.

Katie indicated she'll get us a draft agenda early to midweek next week, but I wanted to share this so we can start thinking about our role and what we need to do to prepare, especially since many of us will be out-of-pocket between next week and the TF meeting. Lastly, I ask we please keep this information internal to FWS, since the agenda is not yet final and out to the TF members.

Thanks. MK

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