From: Wiechman, Lief
To: Herren, Vicki
Subject: Re: New MOU for the GRSG CED
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Hi Vicki,

I'll pass this to a couple of people and find out who will work on this from the FWS.

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On Wed, May 21, 2014 at 6:57 AM, Herren, Vicki <vherren@blm.gov> wrote:

> All
> I just had a conversation with Christine Hawkinson, the BLM's Data Administrator. Because the data is going to USGS but will be used by the FWS, she recommended that we enter into an MOU between the 3 agencies to be clear about what data is being shared, how it will be used and how we will operate in the short term for this year's GRSG CED and in the future.
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> So, who should I work with in the USGS and FWS to build this MOU?
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> Vicki
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> On Fri, May 9, 2014 at 11:26 AM, Kern, Tim <kernt@usgs.gov> wrote:
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>> Since this would be between USGS and BLM, we would need to work within the confines of the existing BLM-USGS MOU on "SCIENCE IN SUPPORT OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT". The operative sections are **bolded** below:
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>> The BLM and the USGS agree to cooperate at the local, regional, and national levels to exchange data and information on the natural resource management goals, objectives, and data needs of the BLM and the science capabilities of the USGS in assisting the BLM in meeting these goals and objectives. Mutual responsibilities as part of this coordination may include:
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>> - Exchanging information relating to lists of priority natural resource science information needs and deadlines for inclusion of science information;
>> - Identifying bureau points of contact to ensure coordination and successful incorporation of science in support of resource management;
>> - **Identifying resource issues specific to natural resource management activities;**
>> - **Working together to identify and deliver readily available**

information and data that are needed for natural resource management activities;

- **Cooperating to interpret data and information to facilitate their availability and use in the natural resource management activities;**
- **Collaborating to identify information gaps and needs for new data, and plan and conduct studies and investigations to obtain new information where possible considering the time and budget limitations of the two bureaus.**

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If this is not where we think we will end up, we can generate a new MOU.

Data sharing agreements are necessary when a federal agency works with a non-federal agency. We have those for pretty much every Western state.

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