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Subject:	Re: Nevada sage grouse, fire and invasive species
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Thanks, Ted, for the quick response. Much obliged.

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Matt-

Thanks for your November 21 e-mail to Matt Kales requesting an update on what the Nevada Governor's Sage Grouse Advisory Committee came up with on fire and invasive species. I can report the following: (1) you can contact Leo Drozdoff with the Governor's cabinet for the best and most recent information on this topic; 775-684-2710, LDrozdoff@dcnr.nv.gov, (2) the Committee had some recommendations on the topic but expressed uncertainty over the state's ability to effect those, saying the state should be "held harmless" on this issue apparently because they view it as more the responsibility of federal land managers, and (3) Leo has led an effort on behalf of the state to refine and expand the Committee's work, including on this issue, and he's aiming at inserting an alternative reflecting the state's interests in the BLM's ongoing NEPA process.

You can view the Committee's final, July 31, 2012, report at: http://sagegrouse.nv.gov/, then click on "View Report" to see exactly what they said on this and other topics.

You should also know that Congressman Amodei from Nevada has been demonstrating an active interest in this same topic - fire and invasive species - and has been checking in regularly with various federal and state agencies on progress.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

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