From: Noreen Walsh
To: Thabault, Michael
Subject: Re: NLEB webinars
Date: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 8:26:53 AM

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thank you, i think it is good to have an RO rep as well

it may be most appropriate for them to both cover the webinars i miss

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On Nov 5, 2014, at 6:33 AM, "Thabault, Michael" <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

> Done, I had also delegated this issue to Bridget in the RO and have asked her to work with Scott to support you in this.
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> On Tue, Nov 4, 2014 at 9:26 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > Mike, see Debbie's response.
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> > Can you or can you ask Scott to cover these that I cannot make and to pass on any high points I should be aware of? These will lead up to the ultimate decision meeting.
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> > Thanks,
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> > Noreen
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From: Debbie Schreiner [mailto:Debbie_Schreiner@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: RE: NLEB webinars

November 12 – you depart at 3:30 p.m. for the Sage-grouse Forum in SLC

November 13 – at Sage Grouse Forum; your flight leaves SLC at 5:25 p.m.

From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 3:48 PM
To: Debbie Schreiner
Cc: Michael Thabault
Subject: FW: NLEB webinars

Please put these on my calendar (maybe you already have?) but let me know those that I cannot make. I will need to find someone to sit in for those. Mike, got any ideas? Who on your staff is lead for this species?

Thanks,

Noreen

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From: Melius, Tom [mailto:tom_melius@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 8:45 AM
To: Ben Tuggle; Cindy Dohner; Weber, Wendi; Walsh, Noreen; Gary Frazer
Cc: Pat Jelinek; Lynn Lewis; Deputy Regional Director Charles Wooley
Subject: NLEB webinars

All...

We are rapidly approaching some key meetings and discussions we will have regarding the proposed listing of the Northern Long-Eared Bat. I would like to take this opportunity to provide some additional information about the series of informational webinars scheduled for November, as well as the in-person meeting scheduled for December 16-17 in Bloomington, MN.

First, the webinars. To ensure that our ultimate listing decision is biologically sound and based upon an accurate, defensible application of our laws, regulations, and policies, we have scheduled a series of five webinars. We invite you and your staff to participate in these webinars, as follows:

November 12: 12:00 - 2:00 PM Central (Part I: Input from State NLEB Conference; Part II: Overview of Listing Criteria, Laws and Policies)

November 13: 12:00 - 2:00 PM Central (NLEB Biology; White Nose

Syndrome)

November 14: 9:00 - 11:00 AM Central (White Nose Syndrome/Data Collection/Distribution & Abundance)

November 24: 12:00 - 2:00 PM Central (Other Factors Affecting the Species)

During the Question and Answer portion of each webinar, Regional Directors or their surrogates should ask questions they have of the presenters. We will ensure an opportunity for all staff biologists to join the webinars in listen only mode, and small teams of biologists will be asked to assist with answering your questions. In addition, a draft "White Paper" will be provided to each Regional Director before the webinars, providing a summary of the best available scientific information gleaned from the Administrative

Record, and which informs the ultimate listing decision.

Second, the December Meeting: As previously discussed, you are each invited to participate in a facilitated discussion in Bloomington, MN, on December 16-17. While the responsibility for making the ultimate listing recommendation to the Director lies with Region 3, I would like your help in reaching a decision on this recommendation and am committed to exploring whether we might reach consensus through a collaborative, facilitated process. For this December meeting, I ask that each of you attend personally or designate and send someone who can speak for your Region at the meeting. In other words, we believe the December meeting will be successful if each Region can speak with "one voice." Of course, you or your designee may choose to bring others with you to assist in the process (e.g., your ES ARD or TE Chief). Additional information covering logistics will be forth coming.

My final request is that you please utilize the November webinars, the White Paper, and the period between the webinars and the December meeting to formulate questions that you may have...prior to the December meeting, if possible. I have asked our NLEB team to be available between now and the December meeting to answer questions, provide clarifications or data, and to help us come to the December meeting very informed and ready to work. Thank you for your work on this important issue

T.O.M.