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Mike,
Help me figure this out. Below is the draft that existed prior to your input but including others. You see one red bullet below.

RESOURCE PRIORITIES
Proactively Identify and Influence Significant Environmental Stressors to Minimize Impacts to Fish, Wildlife and their Habitats
Water, Energy Development and Invasive Species

- Implement a cross-programmatic, non-hierarchical team to address water quality and quantity issues, in light of water's broad-ranging impact on the trust species for which we have responsibility. The team will be authorized to independently identify opportunities and explore measures otherwise unlikely to be pursued through traditional program approaches.
- Sage Grouse/GoEa (Mike)
- Finalize regional policy to establish processes to prevent invasive species range expansion by Service personnel. Also update HACCP plans for R6 FAC stations and develop HACCP plans for R6 ES field stations to minimize risk of spreading invasive species through service activities. Initiate annual AIS inspections for all hatcheries in R6, recognizing that some of our states also receive inspections from state inspectors.
- Conduct baseline water quality assessments for three hatcheries to document existing water quality and to determine if environmental contaminants may be present that could adversely impact fish recovery.

Below is what I got from you. Many of these are larger than energy development and we have a separate section on sage grouse and golden eagles so not sure what to do with all these bullets.

- Sage Grouse/GoEa (Mike)
  - Region 6 ES will continue to lead the sage grouse conservation efforts for the Service.
  - We will develop the necessary metrics to be measured which our partner agencies can report conservation efforts against.
  - Will continue to give direct input to the BL and FS planning efforts regarding sage-grouse conservation.
  - We will continue to work with and advise State planning efforts regarding sage-grouse conservation
  - We will continue to reach out to the energy industry to develop conservation strategies that are consistent with State/Federal conservation efforts for sage-grouse.
  - We will develop an analytical framework utilizing geospatial analysis, incorporating such analysis into LEAP and presenting to the energy industry to advance their sag grouse conservation efforts.
  - We will, in concert with Migratory Bird Program staff, identify high priority eagle conservation practices and incorporate those in to existing decision support systems such as LEAP.
  - We will work with the Migratory Bird Progarmn in identifying high priority eagle conservation practices that can be relayed to and implemented by the energy

industry in regards to eagle permitting.

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As promised, a brain dump

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