From: Matt Kales
To: Larry Crist
Subject: Re: Please read: conference call w/Ken Mayer/WAFWA re: fire and invasives; 5/23/13
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 5:40:47 PM

Thanks, Larry.

On May 21, 2013, at 12:10 PM, Larry Crist <larry_crist@fws.gov> wrote:

Matt,

FYI I will try to make the call but will be enroute back to the office from public meetings on the proposal to list the Coral Pink Sand Dunes Tiger Beetle so can't guarantee I will be on. Betsy Herrmann, who has been helping some with GSG will be available and call in to cover for us.

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Jodi Bush; Brent Esmoil; Mark Sattelberg; Jeffrey Towner; Kevin Shelley; Scott Larson; Susan Linner; Patty Gelatt; Larry Crist; Brian Kelly; Jason Pyron; Paul Henson; Ken Berg; Ted Koch
Cc: Noreen Walsh; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt; Pat Deibert; Jesse DElia; Theresa Rabot; Michael Fris; Debbie Schreiner; Stephen Torbit; Greg Watson
Subject: Please read: conference call w/Ken Mayer/WAFWA re: fire and invasives; 5/23/13
Importance: High

Folks,

Ken Mayer/WAFWA will be in Denver later this week to meet with Noreen and staff to go over the final scope of work for assessing and addressing fire and invasive species issues in sage-grouse range that we will capture under our cooperative agreement with WAFWA. We'd like to take advantage of this opportunity and convene a conference call with ES Project Leaders and other Service staff working on sage-grouse conservation and Ken to discuss specific aspects of the scope as it relates to y/our work and inform the dialogue around his efforts which, per the purpose of the agreement, is not to recreate what is currently being done, but rather compile and coordinate existing information and management efforts to ascertain what work is currently being done and by whom to reduce the impact of the fire/invasive plant complex in sagebrush ecosystems.

Please plan to attend; if you cannot, we encourage you to have a representative take the call. (You'll receive a companion calendar entry for this message shortly.) We are particularly interested in involving FWS staff in the Great Basin, where these issues are paramount to sage-grouse conservation, and are hopeful we will have strong representation from all affected field offices.

Call information is below, and the final scope of work is attached. Please let me know if your station will not participate; otherwise, we'll assume everyone can make this call

and will talk to you this Thursday. Please forward this message and the call information to any FWS staff I may have missed in this outreach.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Matt

What: Conference call with Ken Mayer/WAFWA re: final Scope of Work for fire-invasive species complex in sagebrush ecosystems
When: Thursday, May 23, 1:00 pm MDT
Who: ES PLs and other FWS staff working on greater sage-grouse conservation
Where: Toll free dial-up: 866-663-0869; passcode: 4006722

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