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To: Jeffrey Dillon
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Subject: Re: Oregon BLM DEIS and COT
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Thanks Jeff

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On Wed, Nov 6, 2013 at 11:08 AM, Jeffrey Dillon <jeffrey_dillon@fws.gov> wrote:

> Each COT threat, of course, has multiple objectives which is what is used to populate the x-axis of the matrix. The red coloring is scattered between various objectives between threats. So no one threat is completely "red."
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> Jeff
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> Wow, great. A question on the red. Are they different things or do they more or less fall into the same threat type?
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> On Wed, Nov 6, 2013 at 10:07 AM, Theresa Rabot <theresa_rabot@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > Here you go....record breaking response.
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> > Terry

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeffrey Dillon <jeffrey_dillon@fws.gov>
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Terry and Paul,
Using the matrix table developed by the Montana FWS office to crosswalk the DEIS to the COT report, the Oregon DEIS does not fully meet the objectives of the COT report. The BLM grouse biologist and I sat down and filled out the matrix table. Using the old color scheme green-yellow-orange-red, the majority of the COT threat objectives analysis falls into the yellow and orange categories (upwards of 70%). About 20% of the COT threat objectives were "fully" addressed by the alternatives (green) while the remaining 10% fell into the red category. The Oregon BLM team lead is aware of this and they are working to address these issues. However, there is an issue that, many in BLM are concerned about putting some of the specifics from the COT report into their plan. They believe it could be too restrictive in managing their programs. They also feel that if new science came out after the plan that it would require amending the plans (ex. keep juniper canopy levels to less than 5% near leks).
I'm out of the office right now but should be in by noon. If you need more specifics, I can get them to you then.
Jeff
Sent from my blackberry