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Sounds good, thanks, Lynn

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Lynn,

Let's talk about this review. Much of this is directly linked to the SG Impacts Analysis Framework and associated HEA that has been a work in progress.

I think we can help you focus your review a lot, rather than looking equally across all this material.

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Hi, Lynn,

I apologize for the late notice, but I would really appreciate your help with reviewing the sage-grouse impact analysis framework section of the Gateway West preliminary FEIS. I totally dropped the ball this summer when I asked you to take a look at the DEIS Addendum for sage-grouse and did not follow up with you. I know that you have been working on sage-grouse for this project in the past, and I need your expertise and experience with this part of the FEIS so that we can provide good comments on this section, as this is the Service's final chance to provide comments before the signing of the ROD.

The Appendix J Sage-Grouse Impact Analysis section is about 140 pages, but the second 70 pages are all notes from previous meetings. Can you please review the attached Appendix J and use the Comment Form for your review? Section 3.11 (located G:\Energy\Transmission\Gateway West\Final EIS\Admin FEIS) also contains a lot of information on sage-grouse, but I plan to review that section in its entirety, so your review would be helpful, but not necessary. I appreciate your help with this, as I am busily reviewing the rest of the document and am in need of your knowledge and background on sage-grouse, particularly in whether the applicant has addressed mitigation as per our earlier recommendations.

I need your comments *no later than October 31* so that I can incorporate them into our overall comments (due November 2). Once again, I apologize for the late request and appreciate your help tremendously! I will owe you a beer!

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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. ~Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac