From: Lindstrom, James
To: Pat Deibert
Subject: Re: PAC data
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 12:33:48 PM

Just a few things before I start throwing out data ...

1. Is the COT Report officially published and out to the public?
2. In terms of the report being finished is it safe to send out the data?
3. Also, I want to make sure the Metadata is correct and sufficient. Please review the Metadata info below and let me know what you think. If something should be removed or added please let me know. Once I get an OK on this I will start sending out the data.

Abstract

This polygon data set represents the Sage-Grouse Priority Areas for Conservation (PACs) for *STATE* as identified in the 2013 Sage-Grouse Conservation Objectives Team (COT) Report. …PACs represent areas identified as essential for the long-term conservation of the Sage-Grouse. The COT determined that the PACs are key for the conservation of the species range wide. See the Supplemental Information for more details.

Purpose

The PACs identify important areas for the long term persistence of Sage-Grouse and areas to focus conservation efforts.

Supplemental Information

In 2011 a Sage-Grouse Task Force chaired by Governors Mead (WY) and Hickenlooper (CO) and the Director of the BLM was created and directed to develop recommendations on how to best move forward with a coordinated, multi-state, range-wide effort to conserve the Sage-Grouse, including the identification of conservation objectives to ensure the long-term persistence of the species. Recognizing that state wildlife agencies have management expertise and retain management authority for this species, the FWS created a Conservation Objectives Team (COT) of state and FWS representatives. The purpose of the COT was to develop conservation objectives by defining the degree to which the threats need to be ameliorated to conserve the Sage-Grouse so that it is no longer in danger of extinction or likely to become in danger of extinction.

Individual states have already undertaken considerable efforts to identify key habitats necessary for Sage-Grouse conservation. After review of state maps and discussions with state biologists and others responsible for their creation, the conclusion of the COT was that state-based mapping efforts designating key habitats identified redundancy and representation for each state.

Thanks Pat,

Jim

Jim Lindstrom
james_lindstrom@fws.gov
Cartographer
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office
(307) 772-2374 (Ext 240)

On Tue, Mar 26, 2013 at 11:12 AM, Pat Deibert <pat_deibert@fws.gov> wrote:

> I guess it's ok to send. If u have any concerns then it can wait until I get back on Monday
>
> Thanks!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> > **From:** "Quamen, Frank" <fquamen@blm.gov>
> > **Date:** March 26, 2013, 11:03:32 AM MDT
> > **To:** Pat Deibert <pat_deibert@fws.gov>
> > **Subject: PAC data**
> >
> > Hi Pat,
> > Sorry to bother you again, but Jessica has asked if I could get the PAC GIS layers from FWS. Once I get them, I can post them in a location that anyone in BLM will have access to, so hopefully this will cut down on the number of requests you all are likely getting hounded with. :)
> >
> > Thank you!
> >
> > Frank
> > --
> > Frank Quamen, Wildlife Biologist
> > BLM National Operations Center
> > Denver Federal Center Building 50
> > 303-236-6310