From: Amy Defreese
To: Betsy Herrmann
Subject: RE: sagebrush treatments
Date: Monday, November 26, 2012 3:43:44 PM

Hi Betsy,
Do you see the whole article at the website? I'm just seeing the abstract, but I'm wondering if I am missing something. I'm embarrassed to say it, but I'm not sure whether there is a location for FWS employees to access articles that are otherwise not available on-line.

Thanks!
Amy

From: Betsy Herrmann [mailto:betsy_herrmann@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 1:18 PM
To: Amy Defreese; Bekee Hotze
Subject: sagebrush treatments

Sage-grousy folks –

Fyi, from the attached WDARM minutes (excerpt below): there were concerns expressed re: sagebrush treatments, per a recent 2012 article. It says that recommendations or management programs that emphasize treatments to reduce Wyoming big sagebrush (which is the lower elevation kind) could lead to declines of wildlife species.

> The Forest Service is considering a sagebrush harrow project in the Vernon area, and is looking for NEPA funding. The group discussed the project idea in relation to fire concerns and a new paper by Beck et al that came out recommending against many kinds of sagebrush treatments for sage-grouse benefit. Several individuals suggested that focusing on pinyon-juniper treatments, and staying away from sagebrush treatments in the area, might be a safer bet. Another peripheral suggestion included focusing green stripping efforts near roads, to enhance the value of roads as possible firebreaks, while not fragmenting the landscape further.
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> The NRCS Sage-Grouse Initiative is focusing effort on pinyon-juniper projects. January 18th is the sign-up for these projects.

Not altogether new info, but good the topic's getting more discussion, and maybe a good article to read and have as a reference. She provides the link to the article below.

Betsy

From: lorien.belton@aggiemail.usu.edu [mailto:lorien.belton@aggiemail.usu.edu] **On Behalf Of** Lorien Belton
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 12:34 PM
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Subject: [WDARM] minutes from the Nov 8 sage-grouse meeting; Beck article on sagebrush treatments

Hi all,

Here is the followup from the WDARM meeting earlier this month.

These minutes will soon be filed with all other finalized meeting notes and many other resources at the working groups' website, www.utahcbcp.org Let me know if there are resources you would like to see on this website that would be helpful to you.

Also, here is a link to the article mentioned at the meeting, regarding sagebrush treatments.
http://www.srmjournals.org/doi/abs/10.2111/REM-D-10-00123.1

Cheers,
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