From: Doug Young
To: Amy Defreese
Subject: RE: Sigurd to Red Butte
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I am on the BLM's broadcast for their new Regional Mitigation IM. A question came from BLM Utah that asked (I paraphrase): "if BLM does not think there are unavoidable adverse effects but other agencies do, does BLM have to propose offsite mitigation?" The answer seemed to be "no, as long as the BLM decision maker is convinced there are not unavoidable adverse effects" – but the speaker also suggested that BLM reach out to the other agencies and try to develop upfront agreement on impact assessment and mitigation processes.

Could this BLM Utah question have come from ongoing sage-grouse/energy project discussions in Utah?

Thanks.

From: Amy Defreese [mailto:amy_defreese@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 4:15 PM
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Hi Doug,
Yes … let's talk! Our office greater sage-grouse biologist (Jay Martini) and I commented to the draft APLIC BMP. I've attached our comments (with the attachments we sent). I was in a hurry, so I didn't have much time to connect the dots for Drue.

I'll be in the office tomorrow afternoon and all day on Friday. Give me a call at your convenience!

Best regards,
Amy

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Hi Amy – hope all is well. I missed the last FWS t-line monthly call, but was interested in your presentation re: Sigurd to Red Butte project. There were impact assessments and responsive mitigation ratios in the t-line meeting notes that intrigued me. Could we discuss?

I note that the impact assessments (0.6 mi and 4 mi) indicate that t-lines and associated roads have direct and indirect effects to sage-grouse. The draft APLIC BMP document that we were recently asked to review has the basic premise that there is no good science and therefore no anticipated indirect impacts from new t-lines and roads. Did you comment on that draft APLIC BMP document? thanks.

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