From: Larson, Scott
To: Noreen Walsh
Cc: Michael Thabault; Kirschenmann, Tom
Subject: Re: SDPlan
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 3:35:55 PM

Noreen,

We do have a meeting scheduled with the DENR Mineral and Mining Program on Monday March 24 (I was incorrectly calling it the Minerals Management Program in my earlier emails).

Tom Kirschenmann and I will meet with them to provide them the status on sage grouse, lek locations, suitable conservation actions while they may provide us what conservation actions their Department, through their permitting authorities, can offer on behalf of sage grouse conservation, projections for future development in SD sage grouse country, etc.

Thank You
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On Mon, Mar 17, 2014 at 2:40 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Scott,
> Give me or Mike a call sometime soon. Might be easier to discuss that way. I am interested in how important the minerals management program is to GSG habitat in your state, and whether you have met with DENR on minerals management programs, or made a written request that they consider management actions that would protect GSG.
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> Thanks,
> Noreen
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> Noreen Walsh
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-----Original Message-----
From: Scott Larson [mailto:scott_larson@fws.gov]
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 10:04 AM
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: SDPlan

Noreen,

I'll think on it some.

As you likely realize it is a SDGFP plan and does include about as much regulatory authority as GFP has, but without the State mineral management program (DENR) activities or State School Lands activities being regulated, the plan isn't able to influence many actions on private or state lands. We (Tom & I) have met with the State school lands folks and I think there will be some decent things emerge from those discussions to benefit sage grouse. We are less confident about DENR (Minerals management program).

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2014, at 9:30 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Scott.
> Anything in particular we feel strongly about that I could help make the point?
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> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
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>> On Mar 15, 2014, at 9:26 AM, Scott Larson <scott_larson@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Noreen,
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>> The SDGFP plan is very light on regulatory actions but has some good
>> voluntary actions and is considerably better than the plan from years
>> ago.
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>> Scott
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>> On Mar 15, 2014, at 9:19 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>> Hello Scott
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>>> Just FYI, Tom Kirschenmann yesterday told me they are delaying a few
>>> more weeks to have another public meeting, in response to many
>>> requests from the public . Probably not news to you. What are your
>>> thoughts on the current draft out to the public?
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>>> Have a great weekend.
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>>> Noreen
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>>> Noreen Walsh
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>>> Mountain-Prairie Region
>>> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service