From: Matt Kales
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: Sage-grouse Task Force assessment template
Date: Friday, November 08, 2013 7:54:39 AM

No worries; thanks for asking. I'm able to work a little here and there while my day's in treatments, at appointments, etc. Have a safe trip home.

On Nov 8, 2013, at 9:35 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> U r working a lot .... ♀ All ok? ♀I appreciate u but don't want u to shortchange your visit. :)
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Nov 8, 2013, at 9:09 AM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
>
>> Will do. Thanks.
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>> On Nov 7, 2013, at 8:58 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> That would be great and you can send it..
>>>
>>> Could u check with carlee first just to make sure people are not sending to her ?
>>>
>>> Noreen Walsh
>>> Regional Director
>>> Mountain-Prairie Region
>>> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
>>>
>>> On Nov 7, 2013, at 11:41 AM, Matt Kales <matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Hi. Nicole has kindly agreed to serve as POC for this item. Do you want me to draft a quick note for the TF for you to send re: same? Thanks.
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>>>> On Nov 6, 2013, at 7:16 PM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:
>>>>
>>>>> Can you designate a lead to receive the assessments if they are transmitted back to us

complete?

Noreen Walsh
Regional Director
Mountain-Prairie Region
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On Nov 6, 2013, at 5:45 PM,
Matt Kales
<matt_kales@fws.gov> wrote:

Begin forwarded
message:

From:
"Steinwand,
Terry
R."
<tsteinwa@nd.gov>

Date:
November
6,
2013,
5:28:27
PM
EST
To:
Matt
Kales
<matt_kales@fws.gov>

Subject:
RE:
Sage-
grouse
Task
Force
assessment
template

Matt:

Sorry for the delay but I really don﹖t remember getting this e-mail prior to yours﹖but I also had a little computer glitch a few weeks back and know I received some e-mails that I currently can﹖t find.
﹖
In any event, attached are the materials you requested.﹖ At this time it doesn﹖t look like I﹖ll be able to

attend the Dec.11-12 meeting but know we need someone to attend.

Terry

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 1:39 PM

To: Steinwand, Terry R.

Subject: FW: Sage-grouse Task Force assessment template

Terry,

It was good speaking with you earlier. Please see below

Noreen
message
and
related
materials
re:
state
self-
assessment
for
sage-
grouse
conservation.
We
be
grateful
for any
feedback
you
have
on this
effort
and
are
happy
to
answer
any
questions
about
the
attached.
My
direct
line
here in
Denver
is 303-
236-
4576
(that
forwarded
to my
mobile
if I

away from my desk) and Noreen's number is 303-236-7920 if you need to reach either of us by phone.

Thanks again, and we'll see/talk with you soon.

Regards,

Matt

From: Noreen Walsh [mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 5:44 PM

To: betwarren@mt.gov; bonnie.butler@gov.idaho.gov; Brett.Brownscombe@das.state.or.us; Carlee

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Pat
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Cc: Ren Lohoefener; Alexandra Pitts (CN=Alexandra Pitts/OU=SAC/OU=R1/OU=FWS/O=DOI); Robyn Thorson; Richard Hannan

Subject: Sage-grouse Task Force assessment template

Dear Task Force members,

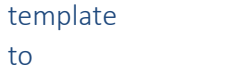
Last week, at the Greater Sage-grouse Task Force meeting in Denver, Task Force members agreed that it

would be helpful for each member agency to conduct a self-assessment of their own ongoing activities and measures to reduce threats to greater sage-grouse.
These would contribute to an assessment of collective progress towards the objectives identified in the Conservation Objectives Team (COT) report at this point

in time.
This would provide all of us a
snapshot in time, while recognizing that many conservation efforts continue and others may have not yet even begun.
As discussed at the meeting, this type of assessment will help us focus on the progress we are all committed to make.

The Fish and

Wildlife Service agreed to prepare a template to guide those

self-assessments.

We have been working since the meeting adjourned last week to prepare that template.

We would have benefitted from additional time to refine and polish our approach, but deliberations were cut short by today

s

government shutdown.
In the interest of promptly providing Task Force members with a document to work from (and not hold up this process during the federal government shutdown) I am forwarding this draft to you today.

Attached are three files:

1. **Assessment Review Matrix:**

States should

fill out this matrix for each population that exists in that state (populations as identified in the COT Final Report Table 2).

If a given state contains 4 populations, you would fill out this report 4 times (one report for each population). The

fourth column in this spreadsheet is labeled

The definitions of the categories in this scale are found in the second attached file (draft, deliberative description of ranking).
The fifth and sixth columns are asking for your narrative description of actions that would support the summary rank you assigned in column 4.

2.

Draft, deliberative descriptions of ranking:

This file is simply a reference and provides standard definitions of summary ratings 0-6 used in column 4 of the Assessment review matrix.

3.

GSG assessment overview:

This file is an example of

an
overview

at
a
glance
of
the
summary
status
of
all
populations
in
your
state.
For
example,
if
you
filled
out
the
Assessment
review
matrix
four
times
to
correspond
to
the
four
populations
in
your
state,
this
table
just
collates
the
summary
of

that information into one table with four rows.
It shows each population (rows) by threat category (columns) and the cells are color-coded to show your summary assessment of whether that threat is addressed in that population (green), or partially addressed (yellow), or not yet

addressed
(red).
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several measures, consider averaging the rankings for each measure for a given threat.

Ideally, we would have a webinar to walk you through this template. Unfortunately that won't be possible until the federal government re-opens, and we will be happy to do that then. In the meantime,

please take a look.
In addition to any clarification or assistance we at FWS can provide, it may be helpful for state members to work closely with their BLM/FS counterparts, when the government reopens, in filling out the template relative to impact of the federal planning process in your state.
I hope this

provides sufficient information for you to begin using the template and I look forward to talking with you as soon as we can.

Best regards,
Noreen

Noreen Walsh
Regional Director
Mountain-Prairie Region
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
303 236 7920
The Mountain-Prairie Region of the U. S.

Fish and Wildlife Service:
We provide conservation stewardship of some of America's most scenic lands, to ensure healthy fish and wildlife for the enjoyment and benefit of all people.

<North Dakota_assessment review matrix.xls>

<GSG assessment overview.xlsx>