From: Backhaus, Eugene - NRCS, Denver, CO
To: Randall, Randy - NRCS, Denver, CO; Noonan, Bill
Cc: Seth Gallagher
Subject: RE: SGI Meeting this fall
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 10:07:02 AM

Bill,
Before we can go forward with this we need to know who should be coming to the meeting, location, timeframe, and an agenda. This is so we can prep a package to get approval for the meeting. Thanks.

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From: Randall, Randy - NRCS, Denver, CO
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 10:27 AM
To: Noonan, Bill
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Hey Bill,
Thanks for sharing, I will actually be passing this across to Gene he will be acting the next few weeks until Phyllis returns.

Randy

From: Noonan, Bill [mailto:bill_noonan@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 9:56 AM
To: Randall, Randy - NRCS, Denver, CO
Cc: Seth Gallagher
Subject: SGI Meeting this fall

Randy:

I just wanted to let you know why I am so keen on have the NRCS staff and partners get together this fall to discuss SGI in Colorado and the other 10 States.

Jeremy Maestas, Tim Griffiths, and Dr. Dave Naugle presented a detailed SGI briefing to FWS Regional Directors for Regions 6 and, Ecological Services Field Supervisors and the PFW Coordinators in the GSG states. The information and energy Jeremy, Tim and Dave brought to us was truly impressive. What SGI is accomplishing across the 11 states is impressive - including Colorado. While it is too early, and not for me to say what effect SGI will have on the FWS listing decision, SGI is doing very good things for sage steppe habitat and the partnerships built and techniques developed will survive into the future regardless.

With the new structure in NRCS it seems like a great opportunity to learn in detail about SGI rangewide and begin to really build a team to maximize SGI in Colorado. NRCS staff, Noah Bates, Chris Yarbrough, Brandon Miller, Bob Timberman and our many CPW partners can really get some things done. Receiving up to date info on SGI and the science behind it

should really help kick off the 2014 field season and improve our existing partnerships.

Region 6 FWS is impressed with NRCS's commitment to SGI and CO PFW wants to assist in delivery of SGI in Colorado as much as possible.

Thanks Randy and have a great labor day weekend too!

/s/

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