From: Herrmann, Betsy
To: Romin, Laura
Subject: Re: One down, two to go
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:06:16 PM

Ok, this gets at what my last email was saying, with the "unless biologically justified" statement. Looks good to me.

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 2:59 PM, Romin, Laura <laura_romin@fws.gov> wrote:

> I'm just doing a final read through of the letter - we have one new paragraph (revision of general comment #10) that we want Pat to review (BLM reviewed and is ok with it):
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> We understand your intent is that Alternative E2 (Alternative E2 includes the portions of the planning area that are in Wyoming) will be consistent with the Wyoming Core Area Strategy and the Wyoming-9 Plan (the Wyoming-9 Plan is directly applicable to this DEIS planning area). We recognize that at the time your DEIS was submitted for public comment, the Wyoming 9-Plan was not completed and therefore could not be referenced in your DEIS. Your FEIS should fully evaluate the effects to GRSG of implementation of the Wyoming-9 Plan if Alternative E2 were selected. For example, the Wyoming-9 Plan has less restrictive lek buffers than are being proposed under Alternative D. The Ashley and Uinta National Forests occur in both Utah and Wyoming and management of GRSG habitats should be consistent across these Forests to ensure population viability and connectivity, unless otherwise biologically justified. As described throughout this letter, we recommend selection of Alternative D (with our recommended revisions) across the entirety of the planning area of this EIS.
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> On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 2:55 PM, Herrmann, Betsy <betsy_herrmann@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > I am back on-line, from home. Let me know if there is anything you want me to take a look at or do on this.

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 12:30 PM, Romin, Laura <laura_romin@fws.gov> wrote:

yeah - phew!

they don't have the version yet with SOL comments incorporated - will get that to the RO this afternoon.

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 12:28 PM, Herrmann, Betsy <betsy_herrmann@fws.gov> wrote:

Way to go! A "stellar example of correspondence." Not too bad! Nice work Jay and Laura getting the SOL comments incorporated so fast.

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 11:55 AM, Romin, Laura <laura_romin@fws.gov> wrote:

That is indeed great news, Mike!

We will add the text you recommended to the letter. We have also incorporated

solicitor comments again. Do you want to see an updated letter?

Also, are we on hold for sending our letter tomorrow while ID and NV revise their letters (pending Noreen's request to BLM)?

Laura.

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 11:42 AM, Thabault, Michael <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

Laura, We had a consistency call this AM with the other regions. You will be happy to know that your letter was held up as a stellar example of correspondence. Noreen is going to ask BLM for a couple of day reprieve on sending letters because we need to bring Idaho and Nevada letters more in line with yours. We did come up with one change for the Utah letter. In the general comments section where we discuss mitigation we need to add something to the end of the intro to bullet 8 that looks something like the following.

The following recommendations represent our best guidance at this time based on the information available. However, BLM, FS and the Service have convened a team to address mitigation range-wide. The results that come out of that process may modify our recommendations regarding mitigation in this specific planning area.

Call me if you want clarification

Mike

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 9:10 AM, Romin, Laura <laura_romin@fws.gov> wrote:

Yes, BLM saw the draft and we incorporated their comments as appropriate. We also sent them the matrix and met with them to go through it in detail.

Laura.

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On Tue, Jan 28, 2014 at 9:08 AM, Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:

> Has BLM seen the draft?
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> Sent from my iPad
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> On Jan 27, 2014, at 7:00 PM, "Romin, Laura" <laura_romin@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> I took a look at the comments. None are major, and all will be helpful. Will you want to see another version after we've incorporated these and any other comments we receive? How is best to proceed - We can have these comments incorporated in an hour or two at most tomorrow a.m.
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>> Laura.
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>> On Mon, Jan 27, 2014 at 6:04 PM, Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov> wrote:
>>> Have not looked at.
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Date: January 27, 2014 at 5:10:04 PM MST
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Hi Mike - Here are Dana and my comments on the draft comments on BLM's Utah Sub-Regional RMPA/DEIS. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kris

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