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To: Bean, Michael
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Subject: Re: Can we get your comments on the NDAA rider ASAP?
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On Mon, Apr 27, 2015 at 5:29 PM, Bean, Michael <michael_bean@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> The rider effectively divests the federal government (BLM and USFS) from control over a significant portion of its lands without transferring ownership thereof. It does so by requiring that BLM and USFS manage their lands consistent with state-approved management plans for which BLM and USFS have no power to review, modify, or reject..
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> The state-approved management plans that effectively displace federal authority over federal lands do not have to meet any standards or criteria, and can remain in place for as long as a Governor specifies (but for at least five years). Although FWS cannot revisit the issue of whether the sage grouse warrants protection under the ESA until 2025, BLM and USFS must continue to manage their lands in accordance with state-approved plans for as long as the Governor specifies, including well beyond 2025.
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> The rider does not require that state-approved plans be based on the best available science (or, indeed, any science at all), nor does it require that BLM and USFS lands be managed for sustained yield of renewable resources.

On Mon, Apr 27, 2015 at 3:55 PM, Harding, Stephenne <stephenne_harding@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> We'd like to get talking points together and out this afternoon, but haven't heard from any of your offices at this point.
> Thanks,
> Stephenne
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