From: Dreher, Robert
To: Gary Frazer
Subject: Fwd: "Smart from the Start" Prioritization Language
Date: Friday, December 12, 2014 11:44:42 AM
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Language as edited by Jim is in the attachments at bottom
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> **From:** "Lyons, James" <james_lyons@ios.doi.gov>
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> **Subject: Re: "Smart from the Start" Prioritization Language**
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> Following are some suggested edits to the 3 proposed sets of direction on Mitigation, NSO, and Prioritization:
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> Mitigation -- I do not believe that the language reflects what was agreed to, which was achieving a net conservation benefit -- see clarification on the attached.
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> NSO -- I suggest changes to the first paragraph and would eliminate the last sentence in par. 3. Need to clarify that "final resolution" at the state level requires unanimous decision as well or the exception cannot be granted. In addition, my notes indicate that prior notification of a request for an exception to NSO would be made in addition to quarterly reporting of exceptions granted.
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> Prioritization -- I suggest that the language be rearranged and that an IM be issued in conjunction with this language to clarify how the field is to implement this provision.
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> **I suggest we schedule a call for tomorrow morning to bring these remaining**

differences to closure. I will follow-up later today.

Jim

On Thu, Dec 11, 2014 at 11:55 AM, Carman, Stephanie <scarman@blm.gov> wrote:

> We presented these options to Neil this morning and he supported Option 2, with this edit:
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> Priority will be given to leasing of fluid mineral resources, including geothermal, outside of PHMA and GHMA. Where a proposed oil and gas or geothermal project on an existing lease could adversely affect GRSG populations or habitat, BLM will work with the lessees, operators, or other project proponents to avoid, reduce and mitigate adverse impacts to the extent compatible with lessees' rights to drill and produce oil and gas or geothermal resources. BLM will ~~consult with the USFWS and the state wildlife agency to~~ assure that the best information about the GRSG and its habitat informs and helps to guide development of Federal leases.
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