From: Neimeyer, Sarah
To: Boling, Edward
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Subject: Re: deliberative draft - do not distribute
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 12:49:38 PM

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On Wed, Dec 10, 2014 at 12:45 PM, Boling, Edward <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Wed, Dec 10, 2014 at 12:35 PM, Sarri, Kristen (Kris) <kristen_sarri@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Comments for consideration --

(1) Congress in this case is really Republicans or House. Can we modify to make that clear -- Dems were pushing back for us here.
(2) If might be helpful to explain what the 4(d) rule is -- this is an issue lost on the Hill as to why that is important.

On the record:

The rider shows that House Republicans were more interested in kicking the can down the road than finding solutions to conserve the sagebrush habitat and the Western way of life. A delay only undermines certainty for the states, ranchers, energy developers and other stakeholders who are working together to put effective conservation measures in place.

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If pressed:

We continue to review the effects of the rider. For example, the language may impact the Fish and Wildlife Service's ability to finalize a 4(d) rule related to the Gunnison Sage-Grouse in Colorado.

On Wed, Dec 10, 2014 at 12:31 PM, Katherine Kelly <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

+ a few others and a few minor tweaks in the body below. Please use this version and this chain.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2014, at 12:26 PM, "Kelly, Katherine" <kate_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Please send along any edits in the next hour (by 1:30pm), so we have time to finalize and shape stories that are moving today - like from the AP.

Thanks.

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