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FYI: please see below Pat's capture of how BLM described the stips and tenure issues. Also note item re: whether FWS will be involved in final writing/wrap up efforts.

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Stephanie -

- data delivered to FWS on Friday 2/20
 - Two items flagged -
 - land tenure - NPT says all land should be maintained but CO and WY carried forward previous direction so did not analyze the NPT alternative. So those states show that some lands are available for disposal and they don't want to supplement.
 - Have language to insert to state disposal can only happen if for the greater good for sage-grouse.
 - oil and gas development in MT in GH - will have moderate stipulations (npt) but when mapped there were standard stipulations which is also consistent with NPT guidance (affects 500K acres)
 - everything else submitted was "perfect"
- No action data included for all states but NV - should be done this week
- teams working on Chap. 2
- No additional guidance was sent (rumors only) -
 - except for tribal consultation and drop in language on "lesser issues" e.g. vegetation
- WO starting to move to daylighting some direction and decisions within their internal teams
- Identifying on how to work with other partners, like counties. Good with states.
 - maybe complete before next SGTF meeting - possibly **webinar the first week in**

March to discuss how to reach out to counties, etc. Webinar is with SGTF.

- Implementation - governance structure - working with states and others, but may have gotten ahead of themselves so pulling back
 - will be part of the SGTF meeting.
- USGS report out this week - study on mitigation and natural gas development.
 - Advised that we were working with USGS on messaging.
 - most of the mitigation techniques are already RFPs so BLM should be good.
- Rumor that FWS would be involved in reviews (Stephanie- based).
 - she did not seem inclined to have us on board (we were identified as the "wrong" cooks.

Matt -

- teams working on Chap 2
 - some folks weren't using template information but that was corrected.
- working on national comment responses this afternoon re: WO information recently received.

Lauren -

- Adaptive management question from Quincy - proposed to be in an Appendix, but some states say in Chap. 2
 - reminded by Matt that the NPT guidance stated it needed to have triggers and responses in Chap. 2.
- Disturbance language may have changed - waiting for clarification. Likely to be state specific and in appendix, but needs to have a component in the plan.
- NV is still moving data to the NOC

Glen and Madelyn -

- FS is consistent with BLM on monitoring/AM, but FS presentation is different.
 - Most will be in an appendix.
- Template on comparing FS/BLM planning comparison -
 - will be on the web page and not in the text.
- Clint Kyle - FS supervisor on BT - passed away last week
- Working on the grazing effects analysis - intend to meet the deadline established by BLM
 - FS will begin to implement management changes immediately after publishing the RODs, unlike BLM waiting until the permits come up for renewal.

Is a call tomorrow between Ed R., Chris I., and Noreen Tuesday morning

- may be some inconsistencies in how the FEIS are organized b=

FWS -

- state director's meetings start this week - done at the request of the states
- SGI data - received but we are asking for some additional clarification. Meeting with them for a full day next week
- Status review work - primary focus now
- CED work - data reporting/analyses have begun

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