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To: [Jeff Everett](#)
Cc: [Pat Deibert](#); [Lisa Solberg Schwab](#)
Subject: RE: need some help on OR BLM IMs
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 11:08:32 AM

Pat,

I'm out of the office today and back in tomorrow. Hopefully that is not too late to reply. I'll need to locate the info you need.

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On Feb 24, 2015 9:06 AM, "Jeff Everett" <jeff_everett@fws.gov> wrote:

Hey Pat –

I can't speak to the IM part of your email and will need to rely on Jeff Dillon to answer that; depending on how quickly you need an answer, we do have a meeting with some of the BLM RMP writing team this Thursday morning and I can found out then.

Regarding the AWEA referenced wind development, they were referring to the West Butte and especially the Echanis/North Steens projects, and neither of them have been built. Both projects died on the drawing board during eagle permitting; West Butte changed hands and never was built, and Echanis/North Steens withered during the county permitting phases. I had lead for our office on both of these projects when I was on the energy team. Both are still viable projects but are so dated now that they'd probably have to go through the BLM NEPA process all over again, re-apply for local permits, etc. Market conditions make it very unlikely that either of these projects will be built anytime soon.

Hope this helps. Cheers,

J-

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Hello gents - The following references are currently included in the renewable energy chapter BUT we don't know if the IMs referenced are still current. Do you know?

"Wind development is guided by policy at BLM national and State levels that generally offers only guidance to avoid impacts to sage-grouse and habitats. A 2008 BLM Instruction Memo IM 2009-43 (BLM 2008e, p. 2) emphasizes the use of the Service's 2003 interim guidelines as voluntary and to be used only on a general basis in siting, design, and monitoring decisions. The BLM's Oregon State Office Instruction Memorandum OR-2008-014 (BLM 2007d, entire) is explicit in the placement of meteorological test towers to avoid active leks, seasonal concentrations, and collision; IM OR- 2009-038 (BLM 2009f, entire) reduces the ODFW's recommended buffer distance for wind farms and applies only guidelines for avoidance of sage-grouse leks and seasonal habitats."

Also - do you know if the development in OR referenced with the AWEA report has occurred? If so, is there a place we can get more information?

In addition to Wyoming, southeastern Oregon is a focus area for potential commercial-scale wind development. The BLM is the major land manager in this part of the southeastern Oregon, with jurisdiction over 49,000 km² (18,900 mi²) (BLM 2009d, entire) that include much of the scantily vegetated ridge tops prone to high and sustained wind. At this time, most of the development activity is in the initial phase of meteorological site investigation and involves little infrastructure (AWEA 2009, entire; BLM 2009e [DPI](#))

Thanks for your help!

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