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Greater Sage-Grouse Project Leaders:

On today's National Policy Team call with BLM and FS, Noreen advised that our Field Management Team has not yet been fully engaged by BLM state leadership to discuss the ADPPs and that we believe such coordination (which we earlier understood from BLM was to have occurred over the past month) is essential as BLM prepares to engage other stakeholders, including states and counties, and roll out their plans. FS also voiced similar concerns.

BLM has committed to accelerating their process to engage you and your FS counterparts, so this is a heads up you will likely hear from BLM state leadership soon (if you haven't already) to schedule meetings to walk through the ADPPs and related materials. We requested BLM do so at their earliest convenience, ideally in advance of upcoming webinars and meetings with the broader stakeholder community mentioned above.

We also requested BLM provide a webinar or similar opportunity for our FMT, along with FS field managers, to walk through the core components of the ADPPs so all federal family members have current understanding of the final conservation measures contained in the plans. We are hopeful BLM will schedule that soon and will keep you posted re: details.

In the meantime, please see attached the current schedule for the federal planning process. This should give you and your staff a sense of where we are in the process and what is to come. We will also share a step-down schedule BLM has developed for stakeholder engagement so you have a sense of when BLM will daylight their plans to those audiences, which in turn may generate questions for you/r staff about various aspects of the plans and implications for sage-grouse conservation.

In summary, we are working to enhance communication among and between the federal family members as we move through this important phase of the planning process and we value your feedback about whether and how field-level communication with BLM and FS is proceeding.

Thanks, and as always, please let us know if you have any immediate questions or want to discuss the above further.

Regards,

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Step	Due Date	Days to complete	Notes	Included Steps
1 Direction to State Directors	1/23/2015			
2 ADPP Data to NOC	2/13/2015	21		The Pink and Blue steps are concurrent and develop in the Purple/Final EIS
3 Data to FWS	2/20/2015	7	The next steps are concurrent	
4 Subregions revise Chapter 2 with ADPP	2/20/2015	28	Subregions engage Cooperating Agencies	
5 NOC completes CEA tables	3/13/2015	21		
6 CEA Analysis Complete	4/17/2015	35		
7 Direct and Indirect Analysis Complete	3/27/2015	35		Revise Comment Report, Direct and Indirect Analysis Complete
8 BLM/FS ID Teams Review, Response and Modifications for D/I Analysis	4/3/2015	7		
9 BLM/Contractors compile, format, tech edit, and QA PLUPA/FEIS	4/10/2015	7	*Begin chapter 2 presentations to cooperators/WO in preparation for reviews	
10 Consistency, policy and initial legal review by IMT	4/17/2015	7	Key staff sequestered -Denver?	
11 Response and Modifications	4/21/2015	4	processing as available - Key staff sequestered	
12 CEA Analysis Review and Modifications	4/24/2015	7	*SOL can start reviewing, but will not have final/clean yet	BLM/FS CEA Coordinator Review, BLM/FS CEA Coordinator revises CEA based on ID-teams comments
13 DRAFT FEIS	4/25/2015	1	Key staff sequestered throughout next steps - M St 4th Floor - on call/responding	Draft Plans, BLM/Contracts compile, format, tech edit, and QA PLUPA/FEIS based on CEA review and IMT review
14 Concurrent WO/(Cooperating Agency Review in subregions)	5/9/2015	14		
15 Reviewed Plans to states for corrections/clean up	5/11/2015	2	key staff sequestered - processing as available	Reviewed Plans to states for corrections/clean up, States respond to Cooperating Agency comments
16 Final SOL Review of clean documents	5/18/2015	7		Final SOL Review, Subregional Teams make edits based on SOL Review
17 BLM/Contractors make modifications in Public Review versions of the FEIS	5/22/2015	4		
18 Interagency Leadership Briefing	5/22/2015			
19 Secretaries of DOI and USDA Briefing - Approval to Print	5/22/2015	0	7 days to printing	
20 Camera-ready copy to GPO/PDF for website	5/26/2015	4		
21 Printing and distribution by GPO	6/9/2015	14		
22 Publish Proposed Plan EISs (falls on a Friday per EPA requirements)	5/29/2015	7	Must be a Friday	
23 Begin work on RODS	5/29/2015			
24 ID Teams begin work on Approved RMPs	5/29/2015			
25 First Draft of RODs	6/26/2015	28		First Draft of RODs; WO Review of Approved RMPs/RODs; Subregional Teams make edits based on WO review
26 Protest Period Ends (30 day mandatory protest period)	6/29/2015	31		
27 SOL Review/Second Draft of RODs	7/10/2015	14		SOL Review/Second Draft of RODs; Subregional Teams make edits based on SOL review
28 Protest Resolution Process Ends	7/29/2015	30		
29 Governor's Consistency Review Ends (60 day mandatory governor consistency review)	7/28/2015	60		
30 Draft ROD for Sec. Review	7/24/2015	14		
31 Interagency Leadership Briefing	7/29/2015	1		Interagency Leadership Briefing; Respond to Governor's Consistency Review comments if any received
32 Secretaries of DOI and USDA Briefing	7/30/2015	1		
33 RODs are signed	7/31/2015	1		Steps not included: respond to Governors Consistency, print/publish RODs/ARMPs
Formal Consultation for Utah, Wyoming and Montana revision	8/16/2015	135	BO/BA with FWS - 135 days	