

From: [Deibert, Pat](#)
To: [Lisa Solberg Schwab](#)
Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:58:54 PM

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From: **Dillon, Jeffrey** <jeffrey_dillon@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 4:27 PM
Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs
To: Pat Deibert <pat_deibert@fws.gov>

Some BLM folks here are trying to track this down. You can see the string of emails below.
Not completely run to ground yet. Just did not want you to think I've forgotten your request.

Jeff

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From: **Suther, Joan** <jsuther@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs
To: Janet Cheek <jcheek@blm.gov>

Hi Janet - I'm afraid these are going to take a little more digging. Can you find out if the direction was incorporated into handbooks or manuals? Do you have someone you can delegate this to - such as a good land law examiner??

Joan Suther
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From: **Darnell, Rhondalyn** <r1darnel@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:18 PM
Subject: Re: need some help on OR BLM IMs
To: "Suther, Joan" <jsuther@blm.gov>

Hi Joan,

All IMs from 2009 would have expired by 2011 or made into part of the program's handbook. Our handbooks are on the Records SharePoint site.

- Rhondalyn

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On Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:15 PM, Suther, Joan <jsuther@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Rhondalyn - here is another request.

We are trying to determine if these IMs are still in effect, or if they have been superseded by new direction. Can you help? See highlighted IMs in email below.

Thanks!

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I've highlighted the items of interest. We are trying to determine if these are still valid, or if there is more current direction to replace these.

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From: **Dillon, Jeffrey** <jeffrey_dillon@fws.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 8:09 AM

Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs

To: Joan Suther <jsuther@blm.gov>

Joan,

Do you know if the three IM's noted in the paragraph that Pat Deibert sent are still current?

Jeff

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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."

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got leks?