

From: [Deibert, Pat](#)
To: [Lisa Solberg Schwab](#)
Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 9:02:13 AM

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From: **Dillon, Jeffrey** <jeffrey_dillon@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 8:24 AM
Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs
To: Pat Deibert <pat_deibert@fws.gov>

FYI

Jeff

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From: **Joan Suther** <jsuther@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 9:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: need some help on OR BLM IMs
To: Jeff Dillon <Jeffrey_Dillon@fws.gov>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lopez, Jayme" <j06lopez@blm.gov>
Date: February 26, 2015 at 6:34:30 PM PST
To: Janet E Cheek <jcheek@blm.gov>
Cc: Joan Suther <jsuther@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: need some help on OR BLM IMs

Hey Janet.

IM 2009-043 has been renewed and is still active. The IM reference number is still 2009-043. No new reference number is assigned to it with a renewal. If you look on the IRM website where the IMs are located, a link there will take you to extended and renewed policies.

IM 2009-043 will continue to be renewed until the competitive leasing rule is finalized. Then new policy will be issued that rescinds and replaces the current policies.

On Feb 26, 2015 5:55 PM, "Cheek, Janet" <jcheek@blm.gov> wrote:

I will "shop" it to Jayme Lopez, the Wind Energy Program Lead in WO-350.

Jayme, the email trail references some IM's highlighted in yellow. The question is are they still valid and being utilized or have they been incorporated into a Handbook or have they been reissued due to age? Two are OR IM's and the other one is the WO IM 2009-043...can you speak to the 2009-043 IM.

Thanks for your time and attention....I will be available tomorrow to chat if warranted.

Best,
Janet

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 2:50 PM, Suther, Joan <jsuther@blm.gov> wrote:

No - I think we are ok. This really should be asked at the national level, too!
It's a range-wide issue.

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On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 2:44 PM, Cheek, Janet <jcheek@blm.gov> wrote:

I am here for 20 more minutes...do we need to chat? I will be in all day tomorrow.

Just don't want to leave this open ended.

Janet

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 2:43 PM, Suther, Joan <jsuther@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks.

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On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 1:53 PM, Cheek, Janet <jcheek@blm.gov> wrote:

The one's highlighted in yellow right? They are still being utilized.

Janet

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 11:34 AM, Suther, Joan <jsuther@blm.gov> wrote:

The questions are not about 043 and 044 from 2012. They are referring to much earlier IMs....

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On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 11:27 AM, Cheek, Janet <jcheek@blm.gov> wrote:

Tim Barnes replied....We did implement IM 2012-043 and IM 2012-044. While they do have a 2013 expiration date, the IM's state that direction is to be applied until comprehensive planning is complete, which we are still in. I know that the document is used as reference in energy and fluids applications currently. Much of the direction, especially in 043 enhances the direction of the earlier IMs, including requiring pre-application consultation for Energy ROW (wind).

I concur that the key language is that they are to be applied until comprehensive planning is complete, which we are still in...thus still valid.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Best,
Janet

On Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 8:24 AM, Cheek, Janet <jcheek@blm.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Joan and Jeff,

I do know that the 2009-043 is still very much in use, a mainstay really for the Wind Renewable Energy program. I will have to do further research into the IM-OR ones.

Best,
Janet

On Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 4:46 PM, Suther, Joan
<jsuther@blm.gov> wrote:
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From: **Darnell, Rhondalyn** <rldarnel@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:26 PM
Subject: Re: need some help on OR BLM IMs
To: "Suther, Joan" <jsuther@blm.gov>

You're welcome. FYI, now directives can last three years old
(been in affect since the beginning of this fiscal year).

- *Rhondalyn*

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On Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:23 PM, Suther, Joan
<jsuther@blm.gov> wrote:
Thanks for checking into it. I'll work with Realty folks to
track down the handbook info.

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On Wed, Feb 25, 2015 at 3:18 PM, Darnell, Rhondalyn
<rldarnel@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Joan,

All I'm from 2009 would have expired by 2011 or made into part of the program's handbook. Are 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>](mailto: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>](mailto: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>](mailto: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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