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Subject: RE: Conservation Efforts Database - Reminder and Status
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That's perfect. Thank you.

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Hi Jennifer,

Here is the email/letter I was referring to. I see it specifically addresses the CED and not the Data Call, so I do not know if the January 15 date applies or not. I hope this is helpful. As far as I know, we (the GIS Team) are supposed to continue to process and organize data that comes in for as long as it comes in.

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Dear Sage-grouse Conservation Partner,

We are writing to you to remind and encourage you to submit data about your conservation efforts that benefit greater sage-grouse to our online Conservation Efforts Database (CED), and to contact us if you are having any difficulty in doing so.

Last week, Congress passed a spending bill that includes specific provisions for greater sage-grouse. These provisions do not change the Service's obligation to determine, whether the species still warrants protection under the ESA by September 30, 2015. The spending bill does not affect our ability to develop, implement, and analyze conservation efforts to support the species. **Meaning we must continue to transition from the process of data collection to data analysis.**

We recognize that an unprecedented number of conservation efforts are occurring throughout the 11-state range of greater sage-grouse and that many of you have completed or will soon complete projects and plans that benefit greater sage-grouse. We need your continued help in capturing this information so that we can understand how your efforts have addressed threats to the species. Under the ESA, we are required to accept all information submitted prior to our decision, but the practical reality is that the earlier we receive it, the more fully we will be able to integrate it into our decision-making process. Therefore, we are urging you to provide relevant information into the CED by year's end, and **no later than January 15th, 2015**. To register and provide data, as well as locate additional information about the CED, please visit: <https://conservationefforts.org>.

We also recognize that not all of our partners will be able to fulfill this request by January 15, 2015. Under the ESA, the Service is required to - and in fact will - consider all the information received up to the point of our decision. However, the nature of how we consider information and how it is incorporated in our analysis may be affected by when the service receives that information. If you are unable to complete data entry in the Conservation Efforts Database by **January 15th**, please contact us immediately so that we may try to assist you. Please contact:

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- Lief Wiechman at Lief_Wiechman@fws.gov, 307-772-2374, x236

In addition, we would like to ask for your assistance in passing this email and attachment onto other conservation partners in your state/area that have also accomplished conservation efforts for greater sage-grouse. The Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies have provided, or are in the process of providing, information to the CED for projects that they have funded. However, other partners such as county commissioners, sage-grouse local working groups, soil and water conservation district offices, cattlemen's associations, private landowners and others who may have also completed greater sage-grouse conservation projects independent of those efforts, and we want to ensure that they also have the opportunity to enter their projects in the CED.

On behalf of the Service's greater sage-grouse team, Thank you for your assistance in proving the Service with the best scientific and commercial data available to help us complete our status review, and thank you for your efforts to conserve greater sage-grouse.

Happy Holidays,

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