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**To:** [Matt Kales](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FWS attendees  
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Matt,

Here's what I have right now for the agenda. I wanted to give Jeremiah a chance for a final look after a few updates but my plan is to send this to the task force today.

Yes, we are actually going to give all parties an extension to Jan 30 for responding to the WGA request for information for our sage-grouse inventory. I should get a more formal message out today but please go ahead and work from that revised time frame.

Thanks,  
Katie

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**From:** Matt Kales [mailto:[matt\\_kales@fws.gov](mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 10:49 AM  
**To:** Katie Kalinowski  
**Subject:** RE: FWS attendees

Hi. We are working to on the below and would be grateful for the revised agenda so we can circulate it among our folks and finalize our roster. When do you think you'll have that available?

Also, on another item: can we have a few extra days to respond to the data call for the WGA GrSG inventory? We are swimming right now and want to get you the right info but could use a little more time.

Thanks in advance.

Matt

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**From:** Katie Kalinowski [mailto:[kkalinowski@westgov.org](mailto:kkalinowski@westgov.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** Matt Kales  
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Matt,

Thanks for the update. I'll add Mary to the attendee list and if others are confirmed, please just let me know.

Regards,  
Katie

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**From:** Matt Kales [mailto:[matt\\_kales@fws.gov](mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov)]

**Sent:** Saturday, January 10, 2015 8:30 AM  
**To:** Katie Kalinowski  
**Subject:** RE: FWS attendees

Hi, Katie. I'm checking on this but it might take a few days to confirm, For sure Dan, Noreen, and me. Also Mary Grim from our Pacific-Southwest Region (Sacramento). Potentially, folks from our Portland shop and program leadership here in Denver. I'll circle back soon. Thanks.

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**From:** Katie Kalinowski [mailto:[kkalinowski@westgov.org](mailto:kkalinowski@westgov.org)]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 09, 2015 9:39 AM  
**To:** Matt Kales  
**Subject:** FWS attendees

Matt,

I forgot to confirm who is attending the meeting for FWS. So far I have you, Dan and Noreen down. Any others?

Thanks,  
Katie

**Katie Kalinowski**

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## State/Federal Sage-Grouse Task Force Meeting

January 20-21, 2015

Holiday Inn and Suites Denver International Airport – Columbine/Centennial Room  
6900 Tower Road, Denver, CO 80249

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### Meeting Objective

Create opportunities for dialogue between states and federal land management agencies about sage-grouse management strategies, conservation tools, and related policies.

### Tuesday, January 20

1:00 p.m.	<b>Introductions &amp; Review of Agenda</b> <i>Jerimiah Rieman, Wyoming</i>
1:15 p.m.	<b>Round Robin Update on Sage-Grouse Activities</b>
2:30 p.m.	<b>Sage Grouse Initiative Next Steps</b> <i>Jason Weller, NRCS</i>
3:00 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:15 p.m.	<b>Rangeland Fire</b> Discussion of rangeland fire and ways to improve state/federal coordination to reduce fire risk. <i>Jim Lyons, DOI</i>
3:35 p.m.	<b>Overview of FWS ESA Status Review Process</b> FWS will provide an overview of the analytical process that will lead to a determination of whether the species is still warranted for listing. <i>Noreen Walsh, FWS</i>
3:55	<b>Cross-State Coordination</b>
4:15 p.m.	<b>Timelines for Remaining Tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion of BLM plan consistency reviews, final EISs and RODs</li> <li>- FWS timeline</li> </ul>
5:30 p.m.	<b>Adjourn SGTF Meeting</b>
6:15 p.m.	<b>Optional Dinner: DiCicco's Italian Restaurant, 6701 Tower Rd, Denver CO 80249</b>

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 a.m.	<b>Reflections from Day 1</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Gunnison Sage-Grouse Update</b> Discussion of the FWS' recent listing decision and similarities to or differences from the greater sage-grouse. <i>Dan Ashe, FWS</i>
8:45 a.m.	<b>Update on Battalion Pro (ACK-55) Weed Suppressive Bacteria</b> <i>TBD</i>
9:15 a.m.	<b>USGS Conservation Buffer Study</b> <i>Carol Schuler, USGS</i>
9:45 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Status of BLM Plans</b> <i>Ed Roberson, BLM</i>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Stubble Height Policy and Public Lands Grazing</b> Discussion of research findings on grass height and greater sage-grouse nesting survival and how the findings relate to public lands grazing management.
11:00 a.m.	<b>Preparation for Next Meeting</b> Discussion of a time, location, and proposed topics for the next meeting.
11:30 a.m.	<b>Outstanding Issues and Additional Items</b>
11:45 a.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>