

**From:** [Matt Kales](#)  
**To:** [Noreen Walsh](#)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review: SGTF Draft Agenda  
**Date:** Thursday, January 08, 2015 12:06:34 PM

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Hi. I know your schedule is intensive the next few days but if you have a moment to talk by phone or via e-mail I'd like to finish our conversation on this item and then get back with WGA. My current inclination is to go with the below approach, versus the modified approach we briefly discussed yesterday, for the reasons we identified (Mike T. concurred with our assessment). Thanks.

Matt

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Matt: Attached are my edits.

I also suggest that the agenda include a discussion of the overall status of conservation efforts designed to reduce threats and what the remaining issues are that the Task Force may be able to help tackle in order to achieve our conservation objective. Could be thought of as a "gap analysis" of sorts. That could tee up the work of the Task Force in the remaining months.

Thanks, let me know if you have questions

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Morning. As mentioned, here's the draft agenda for the next SGTF meeting. Katie is asking if you and Dan are the right POCs for modeling and a GuSG/GrSG comparison, respectively. (Please note Katie later wrote me asking if we'd prefer to put Kevin D. on the agenda for the modeling item; she recently learned from Naugle that Kevin now works for FWS.)

For the ACK-55 item, we discussed this as an internal group yesterday and think it makes the most sense for ARS and BLM to tag team that update, since they are leading the registration and NEPA aspects of the process, again respectively. Mike Gregg is back in DC this week for the NEPA kickoff meeting and, if you concur, can tee up this item with our partners.

Lastly, please let me know if you have additional feedback on the agenda. Katie is asking for our response by the end of this week. Thanks.

Matt

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**From:** Katie Kalinowski [mailto:[kkalinowski@westgov.org](mailto:kkalinowski@westgov.org)]

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Matt, Jim, Steve, Tim, Leslie and Anne:

Attached is a draft agenda for the upcoming Sage-Grouse Task Force (SGTF) meeting on Jan 20-21 in Denver. I wanted to reach out to you as federal agencies representatives for any input you or your team may have on the agenda items. If you would like to propose any additions or changes, please let me know by COB Thursday, Jan 8. Then I'd like to finalize the agenda and distribute it to the full task force.

Some specific requests are as follows:

- Matt, could you confirm if Noreen Walsh and Dan Ashe are willing and available for the agenda items where I have them listed? Or if there is a more appropriate representative from FWS, just let me know. For the ACK55 update, do you recommend that we invite Mike Gregg or would you like to make the update?
- Anne, is this meeting a good one to include the conservation buffer research? If so, please let me know who is available to present on the 21<sup>st</sup> as outlined on the agenda.
- Tim, I spoke with Dave Naugle a bit about Jason Weller's presentation but please let me know if further adjustments are needed to his slot on the agenda.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback. Thanks!

Regards,  
Katie

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