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To: [Matt Kales](#)
Subject: RE: For Review: SGTF Draft Agenda
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 1:49:50 PM
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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

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
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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

From: Katie Kalinowski [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 21st 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,
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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

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.	Introductions & Review of Agenda <i>Jerimiah Rieman, Wyoming</i>
1:15 p.m.	Round Robin Update on Sage-Grouse Activities
2:30 p.m.	Sage Grouse Initiative Next Steps <i>Jason Weller, NRCS</i>
3:00 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	Rangeland Fire Discussion of rangeland fire and ways to improve state/federal coordination to reduce fire risk. <i>Jim Lyons, DOI</i>
3:35 p.m.	FWS Modeling Overview of Status Review Process FWS will provide an overview of the analytical process that will lead to a determination of whether the species is still warranted for listing. Explanation of how the modeling will be done, what opportunities there are for states to provide input, what comes out of the models and how model results will be used. <i>Noreen Walsh, FWS</i>
3:55	Cross-State Coordination
4:15 p.m.	Timelines for Remaining Tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of BLM plan consistency reviews, final EISs and RODs - FWS timeline
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn SGTF Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Optional Dinner: Location TBD

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 a.m.	Reflections from Day 1
8:15 a.m.	Gunnison Sage-Grouse Discussion of the listing decision and <u>similarities or differences with the</u> how the greater sage-grouse listing decision differs. <i>Dan Ashe, FWS</i>
8:45 a.m.	Update on ACK55 Cheatgrass Enzyme <i>TBD, ARS</i>
9:00 a.m.	USGS Conservation Buffer Study <i>TBD, USGS</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Stubble Height Policy and Public Lands Grazing Discussion of research findings on grass height and greater sage-grouse nesting survival and how the findings relate to public lands grazing management.
10:45 a.m.	Preparation for Next Meeting Discussion of a time, location, and proposed topics for the next meeting.
11:15 a.m.	Outstanding Issues and Additional Items
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn