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**Subject:** RE: NPT guidance for General  
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That's what we are looking at now.

**From:** Thabault, Michael [mailto:[michael\\_thabault@fws.gov](mailto:michael_thabault@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 06, 2015 2:30 PM  
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I guess the question is can we interpret the NPT guidance in a way for GMA that we think will do the trick rather than letting BLM swirl.

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On Tue, Jan 6, 2015 at 2:17 PM, Martini, Jay <[jay\\_martini@fws.gov](mailto:jay_martini@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Mike,

We spoke with the BLM again today on this issue and as usual it is not as simple as saying we know what the NPT guidance could be for general habitat. This is because the guidance is fairly general in prescriptive terms. For example the NPT guidance for fluid mineral states, *"These areas will be "Open" with standard or moderate constraints. However, sub-regions may consider applying the same restrictions as applied to Priority Habitat. Standard constraints are areas that may be open to mineral leasing with no specific management decisions defined in a Resource Management Plan; however, these areas are subject to lease terms and conditions."* At this point the BLM cannot tell us what those constraints or restrictions to development would be. We have agreed at least in principle that general areas apart from West Tav. could be managed under a separate set of PGMA restrictions due to the small number of birds, high disturbance, etc. Right now our office is working up ideas/recommendations as to what precisely the separate set of PGMA restrictions would look like in the event we need to move away from a Priority habitat designation.

Thanks

On Tue, Jan 6, 2015 at 1:36 PM, Thabault, Michael <[michael\\_thabault@fws.gov](mailto:michael_thabault@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Jay did you ever find the NPT guidance and do we have an answer to the question?

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On Mon, Jan 5, 2015 at 3:23 PM, Martini, Jay <[jay\\_martini@fws.gov](mailto:jay_martini@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Mike or Nicole

After our conversation today, I asked our local BLM if they could provide us with the most recent NPT guidance for general habitat. In short, they do not have anything more recent than what was put out back in late April, but their sense was that it may have changed some since then. Was the information you were reading us today something more recent or to your knowledge has the guidance changed since April?

Thanks

Jay

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