

From: [Davis, Dawn](#)
To: [Martini, Jay](#)
Subject: Re: Call with Doug regarding Utahans days
Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015 10:01:23 AM

Thanks Jay - that was my understanding too, though I have not been as engaged with the Utah PAC discussions. You may want to touch bases with Pat Diebert to see how these are being included in the RMP revisions so that the FIAT assessments are consistent.

On Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 8:38 AM, Martini, Jay <jay_martini@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Dawn,

I received a call today from Mace Crane (BLM Southern Great Basin FIAT team), just giving me a heads up that this issue (see email chain below from Doug Havlina) is still alive. Like Mace, I thought this issue had been resolved awhile ago as we (FWS) were advocating for all 5 of the Utah PACS to be included (not just Hamlin and Boxelder). I think the BLM folks are having a conference call to square this away sometime this afternoon. Anyway, I'm not sure if you have any additional information, but just wanted to give you a heads up and I will keep you informed as new information comes to light.

Thanks

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From: Crane, Mace <mcrane@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 9:20 AM
Subject: Fwd: Call with Doug regarding Utahans days
To: Jay Martini <jay_martini@fws.gov>

Hi Jay,
Here is the email we discussed.
Thanks

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From: Brad Washa <bwasha@blm.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 8:54 AM
Subject: Fwd: Call with Doug regarding Utahans days
To: Rodney Belger <rbelger@blm.gov>
Cc: Mace Crane <mcrane@blm.gov>, Michael Gates <mgates@blm.gov>

I think we might need to elevate this to Juan.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Havlina, Douglas" <dhavlina@blm.gov>
Date: January 29, 2015 at 06:51:38 PST
To: Brad Washa <bwasha@blm.gov>, Sandra Gregory <s50grego@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: Call with Doug regarding Utahans days

Brad:

Thanks for the followup and reminder.....I have seen this email before. There is good news and bad news for you:

As I mentioned, the review period is ending and one issue still being raised is the validity of "adding in" the Utah PACS outside of Box Elder and Hamlin Valley. The PACS were screened using criteria in FIAT step 1, and agreed to by Ed Roberson when he signed the IM back in late August. The fact that there was some "group think" occurring among folks like Joe Tague, Verlin, or local FWS folks may not override the initial agreement. The issue will be dealt with by the FIAT technical team.

That's the good news.....we're in conversation this week so you'll know sooner than later. Sandy, I've CC'd you so you're in the loop too. This issue is beyond me....I'm a messenger and trying to convey what I'm hearing.

I'll let you know when I do.

thanks, dh

On Wed, Jan 28, 2015 at 2:06 PM, Brad Washa <bwasha@blm.gov> wrote:
Follow-up from our discussion yesterday. Looks like you received this message, but this first I saw such. I also realize you have a lot of things going on with FIAT.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Crane, Mace" <mcrane@blm.gov>
Date: January 28, 2015 at 12:24:14 PST
To: Bradley Washa <bwasha@blm.gov>
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From: **Smith, Verlin** <vlsmith@blm.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 2, 2015 at 9:57 AM
Subject: Re: Call with Doug regarding Utahans days
To: Sandra Gregory <s50grego@blm.gov>
Cc: Mace Crane <mcrane@blm.gov>, Douglas Havlina
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Joe Tague and I discussed the inclusion of the Utah GRSG population areas located in Western Utah in the FIAT Assessment process because of the threats to the populations and habitats being the same and/or very similar to those in Nevada and other Great Basin states, particularly to two major threats of fire, invasives, and PJ encroachment and that the Utah populations would be included in the assessments. Two of the population areas, Box Elder and Hamlin Valley are extensions of populations in Nevada. The Bald Hills, Panquitch, Emery, and Sheeprocks population areas also were included because of the same threats, with the primary difference being the PJ threat being greater than invasives. The US Fish & Wildlife Services also requested that the Utah populations be included. Because of the similar threats and requests by both BLM Utah and USFWS to include the Utah populations to have a comprehensive assessment of the Great Basin region populations and those with similar threats, it was my understanding that the Utah populations would be included in the first round of FIAT assessments. With that understanding, the first stages of FIAT assessments were completed and included the Utah populations. Including the Utah populations is also consistent with the objective of managing the entire range of GRSG and not individuals populations or restricting management to jurisdictional boundaries.

On Fri, Jan 2, 2015 at 7:37 AM, Sandra Gregory
<s50grego@blm.gov> wrote:

Doug, Mace and Verlin

Spoke with Doug regarding the assessments for Utah. The tech team is concerned including those assessments being included into the final assessment package. Berlin as I understand it you and Joe discussed it and it was to be included. The first meeting in Nevada (see minutes) identified a need. Could you provide the background from your discussions? Wendy and Jay were the FWS contacts that I worked with.

Sandy

Sent from my iPhone

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