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Attendees:

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Stephanie Carmen	Lauren Mermejo	Mike Hilner
Glenn Stein	Joe Stout	Pat Deibert
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Stephanie -

- Meeting with DOI over the holidays - determined that all remaining issues are resolved except WY, NV and UT
- Sarah Greenberger worked with WY last week on withdrawals in conservation areas. **Matt met with the state this morning and the state will respond to Sarah's concerns via letter as early as today.**
- According to Matt WY is working on buffers as well - but content uncertain - WY strategy goes above and beyond the recommended buffers
 - The BLM buffer paper did indicate that WY has been exempted
 - FS has not provided input to the buffer paper
- Mitigation screen is being vetted - according to Pam Murdoch WY would not like the screen (but all other states were happy with it). **We have not seen the final screen.**
- Meeting this Thursday and Friday UT and NV at WAFWA (the remaining state meetings). hope is to "finalize" those plans with the states
 - **BLM will consider W. Tavaputs as PH (preliminary decision) for 4 miles around leks; FS is keeping it as PH**
 - BLM got letter from state that if BLM did so they would no longer participate in the process. If BLM drops W. Tavaputs UT will adopt an EO that applies to state and private land. **No one has seen the EO except possibly Juan Palma.**
 - NV is asking for no allocations or buffers.
- Working on strategy to roll-out final plans (some states have taken the initiative to do so locally)
 - internal, external and FWS(?)
 - Want to have it done before the SGTF meeting
 - perhaps a webinar - one for each large area (GB and RM) - the week before
- **BLM MT - proposed map for withdrawals within landscape areas** - will be reaching out locally to FWS. (where it makes more "management" sense)
- newest name of the landscape areas is "Sagebrush Biome Areas", with consistent management across all areas across the range. WY is the problem, again.

- MT, SD will implement the core area strategy like WY as well as the additional allocations associated.
 - ND will do a different approach for AM - BLM assumes that FS will follow along
 - FS clarified that they were no where near discussing AM - not far enough along in the process
 - Pat clarified that AM discussion ND is far from complete with FWS

Glen Stein -

- Chief modeler retired over hte holidays, so no idea what the status is for modeling efforts
- Litigation that NTT is inconsistent not the same as the decisions are being made relative to APDs (leases are 12 years old so mitigation is pre-NTT).
 - FS has no requirement to be consistent with NTT
 - BLM has a requirement (via IM) to be consistent with NTT on existing leases.
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FWS -

- meeting in Denver for staff working on the species report next week
- CED extended to Jan. 15, 2015
- prepping for SGTF, and WAFWA meeting

Lauren -

- officially taken over the NV plan as Joe Tague has taken a position in DC
- Still some issues with ID - NSO or CSUs

Timeline for allocations, decisions, effects analyses? BLM is working on it, but nothing yet.

Matt -

- Met with the state of WY this a.m. - State is now taking the lead with contacting DOI on withdrawals.
- Will be tasking to MT for a while to assist while John Carlson is out of office for this month.

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