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[List of Registered CED DataProviders.xlsx](#)
[20140916 GRSg Data Call Address Final List.xlsx](#)

Nicole, please send this message to the FMT. I was planning on sending it myself, but I thought it would better coming from somebody like yourself with more assignment gravitas. I will also ask Will or Heather to send to R6 PFW. As soon as we have the signed letter from Noreen, this is good to go.

Dear FMT:

We're still trying to wrap our arms around the implications of the spending provision in the CR/Omnibus appropriations bill, but right now we believe that **we are still obligated to return a determination as to whether the GRSg still warrants protection under the act by September 30, 2015.**

That means our timeline for making this determination is not materially affected by the rider in the CR/Omnibus. We have added an additional two weeks to the CED "deadline;" however, **we urgently need to reach out to GRSg stakeholders to let them know that this important part of our timeline has not been substantively changed and to motivate them to submit data to the CED as soon as possible.**

We have also learned that a number of our conservation partners such as counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Sage Grouse Working Groups were not made aware of our original data call back in August. We need to reach these program- and project-level folks directly to ensure comprehensive dissemination of our request.

To facilitate this outreach, attached you will find

- A letter to stakeholders informing them of the new January 15, 2014, "deadline", with information on how to access the CED.
- A set of "internal-only" talking points on the subject
- A spreadsheet with the recipient list for the original stakeholder letter.

- A spreadsheet with the names of the conservation partners that have registered in the CED.

An email containing text of the stakeholder letter is being sent from Lief Wiechman to the original Data Call/CED recipients today.

Please take the following actions for each State ASAP:

- Review the spreadsheet of conservation partners currently registered in the CED and note if key conservation partners in your state have not yet registered in the CED.
- **Forward the email from Lief (with the attached letter from Noreen) to those partners and please immediately follow-up with phone calls to ensure our request reaches the right ears.**
- Ask your staff to identify local cattlemens' groups, county commissioners, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, NGO conservation groups, etc. **who were not on the original distribution list and to contact them directly by email and by phone. NOTE: We are also asking the Partners Program for assistance to reach out to these partners, please coordinate with them as well.**

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Hollar at 503-231-6156, or Lief Wiechman at 307-772-2374x236. Thanks for helping us get out the word on the CED.

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Talking Points: Conservation Efforts Database – Timeline

Top Line Messages:

- This week, Congress passed a spending bill that includes specific provisions for greater sage-grouse.
- While the bill limits FWS' ability to publish rules regarding sage-grouse, it did not remove our obligation to determine whether the species still warrants protection under the ESA by September 30, 2015. The spending bill does not affect our ability to develop, implement, and analyze conservation efforts to support the species.
- **That means we must transition from the process of data collection to data analysis.**
- The expectation of Congress and the Interior Department is that we will continue to push forward with conservation efforts and the analysis of those conservation efforts with the same urgency as before.
- This status review is a monumental effort to assess a suite of factors affecting greater sage-grouse across 165 million acres and 11 states. It is one of the most complex and comprehensive status reviews the agency has ever undertaken.
- The Service is committed to using the best scientific and commercial data available in making our determination. As required by the ESA, we will consider all data we receive whenever it becomes available prior to our September 2015 deadline.
- While we are required to consider all information submitted to us, the practical reality is that the earlier we receive this data, the more fully we will be able to integrate it into our decision framework process.
- That's why we're encouraging you to submit this data about your conservation efforts (planned, in-progress, or completed) as soon as possible into our online Conservation Efforts Database (CED), **no later than January 15, 2015.**
- We know that a great deal of effective conservation has been accomplished across the range, but we will only be able to consider it in our assessment if we have that data at our disposal.
- We recognize that not all of our partners will be able to meet this request but we would like to emphasize that the sooner we get this information, the better and we will work with you to do so.
- If you are having difficulties entering data or meeting this timeline, please let us know immediately so we can assist you.

Supporting Information (for questions and follow up)

Status Review Process:

The practical considerations involved with the development of the status review are significant given the species' large range (over 165 million acres across 11 States and 2 Canadian Provinces) and the number and scale of the conservation efforts underway (including completion of 15 EISs for 98 Federal Land Use Plans, and NRCS Farm Bill programs on private lands for over 1.2 million acres of rangeland improvement and over 180,000 acres of conifer removal).

CED Background:

Timing

- August 2014 - Data Call Letters sent:
 - A general data call to collect information on population trends, threats, research and other information relevant to the Service's status review of the species.
 - The CED to collect information on conservation efforts (e.g. regulatory and incentive-based conservation plans and on-the-ground habitat conservation projects).
- August 11, 2014 - The CED opened on August 11, 2014.
- December 31, 2014 – Original due date for CED
- January 15, 2015 – Revised due date for data submission

Purpose

- Within the CED, information regarding conservation efforts must be linked to spatial data; this will allow us to quantitatively analyze the information and roll it up at various spatial scales.
- The Service must evaluate the best available scientific and commercial data to evaluate the degree to which threats to greater sage-grouse and associated habitat have been reduced by conservation projects and regulatory actions achieved between 2009 and 2014.
- In addition several conservation partners (Bi-State Working Group, ODFW, and Mitigation Groups) have indicated they will likely use the CED to track implementation of their sage grouse conservation plans independent of the status review process.

Holding statement for front page of CED webpage in late December:

The Service requests that you enter data into the CED for use in the Greater Sage-Grouse Status Review by January, 15, 2015. As required by the Endangered Species Act, the Service is committed to using the best scientific and commercial data available in the status review and listing determination. Therefore, we will consider all data we receive whenever it becomes available prior to the completion of the status review in September 2015. Please note that the date on which data is received may affect the Service's ability to incorporate your data into specific portions of the Service's status review. If you are unable to complete data entry in the Conservation Efforts Database by January 15, 2015, or if you are experiencing difficulty in doing so, please contact us so that we may try to assist you.

Registered CED Users

Federal Agencies

BLM

NGOs

American Colloid Company

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