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Thanks. I am trying to get the draft agenda for the SGI meeting out the door today and Pat and I have some federal planning items on our plate so would be grateful if you'd take the first cut. In looking at the 2013 BP, I think the meat of the response is in the first few 'graphs and we can drop all the IM stuff and talk about how we've engaged the states not only on development of their plans but on how we use their plans in our status review and have been communicating actively with them on same (WAFWA, webinars, SGTF). Cheers.

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Here is the briefing paper from 2013 on this topic, so let me know if you are tackling this or if you'd like me to write the first draft.

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Matt, a response is needed ASAP for this afternoon's hearing: "2) Several Senators asked when the States will know if their State Sage Grouse plans are approved. Please provide some background on the process and the timing."

Thanks!

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Kris Sarri at the sage grouse meeting that just concluded ask Gary if he could also respond to a question yesterday in the Secretary's hearing about whether we have funding available to proceed with our work on sage grouse. There is some confusion about what the rider means. Gary responded that we have the funding available to do everything, we are just prohibited from listing the sage grouse and affording it the protection of the ESA if it were warranted. They had asked for this before this afternoon's hearing as well.

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 25, 2015, at 10:29 AM, "Nolin, Chris" <[chris\\_nolin@fws.gov](mailto:chris_nolin@fws.gov)> wrote:

Can you folks work in an answer? Thanks

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There was a question that kept coming up at the SENR hearing yesterday and it is likely to continue to come up at the Secretary's other hearings. Can you please provide us an answer for her to use?

2) Several Senators asked when the States will know if their State Sage Grouse plans are approved. Please provide some background on the process and the timing.

If there is a short answer for this afternoon's hearing that would be great. Thank

you very much.

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Chris Nolin