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Hi,

I wanted to let you all know that I was at a meeting in Susanville this morning for the Buffalo Skedaddle Population Management Unit (PMU) that was mostly lead by Ken Collum, Eagle Lake Field Office Manager (BLM).

After the meeting, he was asking me for some clarification on the Service. Recently, he was in Reno at a meeting with the CA BLM State Director, Ren, Mary Grimm, and I'm assuming NV BLM but I didn't confirm. He was confused why 'we' weren't there. I spoke for myself and that the Partners Program wouldn't typically be invited to a BLM meeting and that our Regional Director wouldn't necessarily know that the PFW program has been and is currently very active in that area via the Buffalo Skedaddle PMU group and working with landowners.

He said that his State Director and Ren were talking about the importance of the area and kept referencing how efforts like the Bi-State need to be implemented there. Actually, there is a good history with that PMU of partners working together actively that much resembles the successful model with the Bi-State Local Area Working Group. The group is revising an existing PMU conservation strategy and the Service is engaged in that process. Ken was the lead of one of the FIAT teams and the Buffalo Skedaddle PMU group is poised to start planning projects at a landscape scale utilizing FIAT tools as soon as the FIAT information is field ready (i.e., that was the main points of discussion in today's meeting).

Ken said it seemed like his Director and Ren have some new found interest in the area and its importance to sage-grouse. He also said they were keying in on 'brood rearing' habitat. I didn't get a lot of details on that but I do know that we message its importance and how PFW is poised to work with private landowners to improve, protect, etc. wet meadows for grouse.

I wanted to let you all know because this totally fits into our PFW staffing and sage-grouse conservation efforts discussions with the positions we are requesting. I figured an email would be easiest way to get out an FYI.

If you'd like anymore information, please don't hesitate to ask.

cheers,
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