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CONTENT:

Good Afternoon-

Congress is currently reviewing a spending bill that includes specific provisions for greater sage-grouse. The spending bill does not affect our ability to develop, implement, and analyze conservation efforts to support the species. Nor does it relieve us of our obligation to determine by Sept. 30, 2015 whether the species still warrants protection under the ESA. In fact, the expectation of Congress and the Interior Department is that we will continue to push forward with these efforts with the same urgency as before.

We're now bringing on additional staff who've been working on planning or conservation to help us draft report chapters, review information, and prepare for the analysis and decision workshops this spring.

In the past, the Field Management Team (FMT) has come together in person to discuss sage-grouse work (largely plan revisions). It's been almost a years since we held our last FMT meeting and we're shifting our focus now from planning to the status review.

For all of the above reasons, we want to hold an all-status-review team meeting in January, 2015.

Goals:

- Discuss spring analysis workshops and solicit feedback from project leaders
- Improve communication within and between teams by providing face-to-face contact for employees working with team members in other offices and regions
- Provide a solid foundation so all parties understand their roles and the roles of others in this process
- Address concerns and needs of team members

Dates:

1/13/2015 - Entire GRSG 2015 Team

1/14/2015 - Entire GRSG 2015 Team

1/15/2015 - GRSG 2015 Team sans Project Leaders

Times:

~8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day (option evening social events)

Location:

Mountain Prairie Regional Office

134 Union Blvd

Lakewood CO 80228

Hotel:

Hampton Inn (Group rate = \$119, Group code = FW8)

137 Union Blvd

Lakewood, CO 80228

303-969-9900

www.denverwestfederalcenter.hamptoninn.com

Travel Coordination:

*The Shuttles aren't great, so carpooling might be the best bet. **There are two tabs**; one for travel to Denver, one for travel from Denver back to your duty station.*

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Materials:

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You will be informed when documents are available.

<https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/JanMtg.aspx>

Thank you for all of your work to date and for your continued work over this coming year.

Mike

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