

**From:** [Norman, Kate](#)  
**To:** [DElia, Jesse](#)  
**Cc:** [Trina Vigil](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: GRSG 2015: January In-Person Status Review Meeting (BOOK BY 12/25/2014)  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 11:27:46 AM

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Hey Jesse-

This list should follow the invitation. We're not including all sage-grouse biologists, just the ones working on status review.

Who's missing?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Dec 23, 2014 at 11:11 AM, DElia, Jesse <[jesse\\_delia@fws.gov](mailto:jesse_delia@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi Trina,

Did you send this to the FW6 sage-grouse biologists and FMT listserves? There are several sage-grouse biologists in R1 that are missing from the distribution list.

Jesse

On Tue, Dec 23, 2014 at 9:52 AM, Trina Vigil <[trina\\_vigil@fws.gov](mailto:trina_vigil@fws.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

I want to remind everyone to book your room at the [Hampton Inn](#). All rooms need to be booked by **December 25<sup>th</sup>** to guarantee the government rate and room availability.

Call the hotel directly at 303-969-9900 and give them the **group code FW8** for the dates of 01/12/2015 – 01/16/2015 (or a subset of those dates).

OR

Book online at [www.denverwestfederalcenter.hamptoninn.com](http://www.denverwestfederalcenter.hamptoninn.com)

-Select Arrival & Departure Dates

-Select Add Special Rate Codes and enter **group code FW8**

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me ([Trina\\_Vigil@fws.gov](mailto:Trina_Vigil@fws.gov)).

Thanks and Happy Holidays to you and your family,

Trina Vigil

**From:** Thabault, Michael [mailto:[michael\\_thabault@fws.gov](mailto:michael_thabault@fws.gov)]

**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2014 3:38 PM

**To:** Amy Nicholas; Angela Burgess; Anna Harris; Carey Galst; Craig Hansen; Daniel Hottle; Dawn Davis; Douglas Krofta; Drue DeBerry; Ed Turner; Genevieve Skora; Heather McPherron; Holly Freifeld; James Lindstrom; Jay Martini; Jeff Berglund; Jeff Everett; Jennifer Siani; Jennifer Sturdivant; Jesse DElia; Jodi Bush; John DeClerck; Kathy Hollar; Kevin Doherty; Kevin Shelley; Kris Tita; Lara Drizd; Lara Juliusson; Larry Crist; Lief Wiechman; Lisa Solberg Schwab; Mark Sattelberg; Mary Grim; Matt Kales; Michael Carrier; Michael Fris; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt; Pat Deibert; Paul Henson; Rich Young; Sarah Backsen; Scott Larson; Steve Abele; Susan Linner; Ted Koch; Theodore Stein; Theresa Rabot; Trina Vigil; Kate Norman

**Subject:** GRSg: Sage-grouse biologist and Project Leaders meeting invite.

Good Afternoon-

As you are aware Congress has passed 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. If you are receiving this invitation you have a direct role in the status review and we want you to attend. If there are difficulties please work with your respective Regional ARD regarding participation and coverage.

#### 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

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## 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.*

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yXbTe5JFK\\_LdmvCFeKy8FG6XZin0Ye5lLaH\\_40CoDzI&authuser=0](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yXbTe5JFK_LdmvCFeKy8FG6XZin0Ye5lLaH_40CoDzI&authuser=0)

## Materials:

*Please note this Library View is relatively empty at this time.*

***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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