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**Cc:** [pat.deibert](#); [Michael Thabault](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: GRSG: WY and MT AM  
**Date:** Friday, December 26, 2014 6:33:09 AM

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Thanks, Noreen. No need for further discussion now. I just wanted to call attention to this question because I see the ambiguity associated with the term as a source of potential future contention.

On Wed, Dec 24, 2014 at 9:43 AM, Noreen Walsh <[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)> wrote:

Michael, I wanted you to see Pat's response. Apparently the team has worked on a definition which Pat supports, but we didn't see it as a fatal flaw in this summary document, given all else we are working to bring to closure. Let us know if you want to discuss more.

Thanks,

Noreen

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**From:** Pat Deibert [mailto:[pat\\_deibert@fws.gov](mailto:pat_deibert@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 7:57 AM  
**To:** Noreen Walsh  
**Cc:** Michael Thabault  
**Subject:** Re: GRSG: WY and MT AM

It is defined (something like based on a running average and relative to point in cycle) but I can't remember the exact details. Would enhance the document to have it defined but agree it's not fatal.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2014, at 7:31 AM, Noreen Walsh <[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)> wrote:

Pat, See Michael's comment. I agree that "normal variability" should be defined, but I am guessing you all have already agreed on a working definition. Please advise when you have a chance; I don't see this as a fatal or urgent issue. Thanks,  
Noreen

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**From:** Noreen Walsh [mailto:[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 7:29 AM

**To:** Michael Bean; Robert Dreher; Gary Frazer

**Subject:** RE: documents for the call today

I agree that could be more clear.

I don't feel it is necessary to raise at the 10:00 meeting, but I will take it up with Pat Deibert to understand how they defined it in WY and ask for clarity to be inserted.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 5:51 AM  
**To:** Noreen Walsh; Robert Dreher; gary frazer  
**Subject:** Fwd: documents for the call today

Noreen, Bob and Gary: You can decide whether this is worth raising with the broader group, but I would note that I find both the MT and the WY adaptive management language unclear as to how the decision is made that a hard trigger has been tripped (including what constitutes "normal variability").

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Attached are the documents for the 230 call today, including an the updates to the Adaptive Management document and the buffer proposal, and the BLM-MT adaptive management approach.

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