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**Subject:** Re: documents for the call today  
**Date:** Monday, December 22, 2014 4:25:35 PM

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Agreed

Michael Thabault  
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Mountain Prairie Region

On Dec 22, 2014, at 3:55 PM, Pat Deibert <[pat\\_deibert@fws.gov](mailto:pat_deibert@fws.gov)> wrote:

That's awesome!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2014, at 3:19 PM, Noreen Walsh <[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)> wrote:

Thus, I propose:

“ In PHMA, we agree that the minimum value of the interpreted range should be mandated as an RDF. In PGMA, it is not sufficient to use the literature minimum value, as the USGS report indicates that some of those were later found to be ineffective, and they represent a very minimalist approach to conservation that would facilitate general habitat declining. Therefore, we recommend that in PGMA, the minimum value of the interpreted range also be used as an RDF, with any deviations from that determined based on local conditions and best available science.”

Can this work?

Noreen Walsh  
Regional Director  
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**From:** Pat Deibert [mailto:[pat\\_deibert@fws.gov](mailto:pat_deibert@fws.gov)]  
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I would like to see the interpreted min for all. Where we have deviations they need to be "negotiated" based on local plans and conditions. The literature minimums for sure won't work in Utah.

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On Dec 22, 2014, at 2:59 PM, Noreen Walsh  
<[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)> wrote:

Thank you.

What do you recommend in general habitat? In other portions of our guidance/agreements, we have agreed to less protective approaches in general than in priority. All thoughts welcome.

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I explained in my call on Friday with Stephanie, Vicki and Matt m that the literature minimum was useless. Many of those were demonstrated to be completely ineffective- which was the point of the citation in the usgs report.

Short story- the literature reported minimums do not confer protection

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On Dec 22, 2014, at 2:05 PM, Noreen Walsh  
<[noreen\\_walsh@fws.gov](mailto:noreen_walsh@fws.gov)> wrote:

All I will say: Received at 12:33 pm today for a  
call with DOI that started at 12:30 pm today.

New lek buffer proposal, in short:

RDF in GHMA is USGS LITERATURE REVIEW  
MINIMUM  
RDF in PHMA is USGS INTERPRETED RANGE  
MINIMUM VALUE

I need any input you all can give by COB.

Sorry  
Noreen

Noreen Walsh  
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Steven Ellis; Edward Boling  
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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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