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To: [Michael Thabault](#)
Cc: [Mary Grim](#); [Nicole Alt](#); [Kate Norman](#)
Subject: RE: GRSG 2015: January In-Person Meeting Agenda and Survey (Survey DUE 1/9/15)
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 1:12:43 PM

Mike-

Okay, thanks.

Ted

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Ted, Thanks for asking this. Noreen will be present on Tuesday to touch on some of these issues. Unfortunately given the nature of the meeting focused on status review and the rest of the work we will not be able to address the BLM and Fire stuff at any level of detail. As for the what has changed that is a central premise of our analysis and will discuss next week. Our Process Framework Document goes into that aspect and Ren has been pretty clear as to his starting point.

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As I mentioned this morning.

Thank you,

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From: **Ted Koch** <ted_koch@fws.gov>

Date: Tue, Jan 6, 2015 at 9:01 AM

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Kate-

Thanks for asking for input. I'll respond to the survey, but I also wanted to offer these thoughts:

First, I think Jesse suggested making time to discuss our evaluation of BLM's implementation of their conservation plans, especially in the Great Basin – is that right? Mary has offered some good ideas on this, and we're working on a way to structure that discussion now.

Second, The Fire & Invasives Assessment Team (FIAT) process is in full swing and is essential to sage grouse conservation in the Great Basin. So we suggest spending time checking in on that process. Again, we're working on structuring that conversation now, too.

Third, Steve Abele, Genevieve Skora, and the rest of us here in Reno talked at length yesterday about approaches to ensure we're focusing our analyses on the most essential questions that may affect the Service's decision later this year. One thing we've learned is Ren usually asks us to say what's changed since our last decision – i.e., the 2010 finding. That's primarily the approach we took in the bi-state process. Steve and Gen are going to try to schedule a time for us to talk to you and Pat this week to discuss this idea, in case you and others think it might be a useful approach.

I hope that helps! Let me know if you have any questions or thoughts.

Ted

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Good Morning-

Next week, the greater sage-grouse status review team will have the opportunity to meet in Colorado.

The draft agenda for this meeting is available on the SharePoint site:

https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/20141219_JanGRSGMtg_Agenda.docx

During the course of the meeting, we'd like to specifically address any issues from this group. In order to identify areas of interest, we have constructed a survey. Your input is voluntary and anonymous (unless you chose to provide your email). **Any input you have would be greatly appreciated by COB, Friday, January 9, 2015.**

Thank you,
K

P.S. This should be the complete list of invitees, but if you feel that someone has been omitted in error, please contact Trina Vigil or myself.

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Prep for In-Person Meeting - DUE COB1/9/2015

In preparation for our meeting next week (<https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/docs/Forms/janmtg.aspx>), we'd like to make certain we are specifically addressing areas of interest or concern for our attendees.

NOTE: PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE SURVEY AND SUBMIT. GOOGLE WILL NOT SAVE PARTIAL SURVEYS.

What are your concerns?

We will do our best to address these during our meeting.

What is working well?

If there's anything that you think is really working well that could be expanded, please indicate below.

Your email (OPTIONAL)

Your responses are anonymous unless you provide your email. This may be useful if there are follow up questions or if you might be a spokesperson for the issues identified.

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