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**Subject:** RE: Heads Up -- Request From House Interior for a Member Sage-Grouse Briefing  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:50:19 AM

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Thanks for both notes.

We had intended to keep the hill informed, but other than the discussions about Feb, we had not actively discussed any further scheduling.

Alton Coal mine is an existing mine on BLM administered land that has proposed an expansion that will impact sage grouse and FWS has commented on that. So it is a BLM decision issue and we have expressed an opinion.

Let me know if we should talk more.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Heads Up -- Request From House Interior for a Member Sage-Grouse Briefing

Further explanation of the note I just sent you. Looks like the only briefings on their radar right now are the Feb briefing for Amodei et al and one on the Alton Coal mine, which I assume is BLM's to handle. -- GDF

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All--

We'll plan on meeting to discuss the various briefings and requests we've had for GSG and for the Alton Coal mine at 9 am on Friday January 23rd in 6023.

I'll try and send a calender invite shortly, but please make sure to add whomever else you need from your bureaus.

Cheers,

Stephennie

On Fri, Jan 16, 2015 at 12:28 PM, Harding, Stephennie <[stephennie\\_harding@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephennie_harding@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Adrianne--

Thank you for sharing this request. I'd like to loop in some of the people from FWS who received this same request via the authorizing side so we can make sure we are all coordinated in what we offer as a briefing. I'll send around an invite to get us all on the phone next week.

Cheers,

Stephennie

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 6:43 PM, Moss, Adrianne <[adrianne\\_moss@ios.doi.gov](mailto:adrianne_moss@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:  
All,

We wanted to bring to your attention a request we received from House Interior. They have asked that we coordinate a briefing with the Directors of FWS and BLM on the sage grouse (hen) on behalf of Mr. Amodei. According to the attached letter sent from the Subcommittee staff, the briefing would be a follow-up to one Mr. Amodei had in December.

The briefing would be for members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee. We've been asked to invite some authorizing members (Chairman Bishop, House Natural Resources; Chairwoman Lummis, Interior Oversight and Government Reform; and Steve Pearce Chairman Emeritus of the Western Caucus).

The briefing is likely to be in early February although we are still working to schedule. We will let you know as the timing gets more defined.

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