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Subject: RE: Quick GrSG question
Date: Friday, May 02, 2014 11:46:19 AM

Thanks, Ivy. Is it accurate to say:

“We are developing an RFP for our Tribal Wildlife Grant program to target conservation opportunities on tribal lands in sage-grouse range”?

Please advise.

From: Ivy Allen [mailto:ivy_allen@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 10:38 AM
To: Stephen Torbit
Cc: Marla Trollan; Matt Kales
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Hi Steve,

Please see Matt Kales below request. I think SA maybe the only office that could help answer Matt's questions. Maybe once we have the RPF in the works, we could fund an entity to provide the real data Matt is asking for.

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Thanks, Ivy. I recast the below information for the briefing Q&A as follows:

Q: What is the role of tribes in sage-grouse conservation?

A: *Note: All answers are specific to Region 6 Tribes.* There are approximately 17 tribes located within the sage-steppe habitat. We are currently working to determine which tribes are actively working on sage-grouse conservation and to determine what funding sources (e.g., BIA) tribes have applied to sage-grouse conservation. Lastly, as we move forward with our status review, we will determine potential approaches for active consultation processes with tribes (which would follow our guidelines – established pursuant to Secretarial order - that govern any FWS actions that could affect a tribe).

Sooner rather than later, we will need the information I originally outlined and I encourage you, and R6 EA, to work with the other FWS SG regions and ES (and Steve Torbit) to follow up on the below so the next time we brief Congress we can speak in a more informed and

unified manner about engaging tribes in sagebrush country.

Matt

From: Ivy Allen [mailto:ivy_allen@fws.gov]
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Q: What is the role of tribes in sage-grouse conservation?

A: All answers are specific to Region 6 Tribes. There are approximately 17 tribes located within the sage steppe habitat. Of those tribes we do not know which ones are working on sage grouse conservation. None of these tribes have received funding to work on sage grouse through the FWS Tribal Wildlife Grant program. This species has not been discussed as a species of interest to tribes. There may be additional funding sources (NRCS, BLM, BIA) that tribes have used to work on sage grouse, in which case we would not be aware of funding or ongoing projects. To begin an active consultation process with tribes, you would follow the established rules that govern any Service actions that could effect a Tribe. For ESA specific actions and established guidelines see <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/tribal-secretarial-order.html>.

The map displays the western United States, highlighting the distribution of sagebrush land cover and U.S. Tribal Lands. States shown include British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Idaho. The map is color-coded to show the proportion of sagebrush land cover at a 5-km scale, with a legend indicating a range from Low (0.001) to High (1). Purple areas represent U.S. Tribal Lands. Specific USFWS regions are labeled: Pacific Region 1 (Idaho), Mountain Prairie Region 6 (Wyoming), Midwest Region 3 (Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri), Southwest Region 2 (Arizona, New Mexico), and the Colorado River Basin (California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico). A scale bar in the top right corner shows distances up to 100 miles and 100 kilometers.

