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**To:** [Dan Ashe](#)  
**Cc:** [Michael Thabault](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sage grouse conference opinion  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 26, 2014 11:00:47 AM

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We are investigating. We thought all was on track so I'm not sure what these key concerns are but we will track it down.

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From: Dan Ashe [[mailto:d\\_m\\_ashe@fws.gov](mailto:d_m_ashe@fws.gov)]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 10:37 AM  
To: Weller, Jason - NRCS, Washington, DC  
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Subject: Re: Sage grouse conference opinion

Sure Jason. Looks like between 2:00-3:30pm or after 5:00pm. I've copied Roslyn and Thomas.

If those times don't work for you and Robert, we'll try to juggle some things.

Dan.

Dan Ashe  
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> On Nov 25, 2014, at 1:45 PM, Weller, Jason - NRCS, Washington, DC  
> <[Jason.Weller@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Jason.Weller@wdc.usda.gov)> wrote:  
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> Dan,  
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> I would appreciate it if we could touch base on Monday along with Robert  
> Bonnie. We are hearing that the regional/local FWS staff are nearing  
> completion of the sage grouse conference opinion, which is good.  
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> But what we are concerned about is that the near final opinion may not  
> address key concerns that NRCS has been working to clarify since the start

> of this year. Before it is finalized, it would be good if we could  
> coordinate to separate fact from fiction -- my sense is that wires can get  
> crossed inadvertently.  
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> Is there a time that works best for you?  
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> Thanks.  
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> Jason  
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