

1. Status of COT report –

Has been delayed due to Dan's illness, tentatively should be released on Monday, March 25.

2. Status of Bi-State –

Recommendation will be made to Dan by Ren by mid-April, no final decision yet. Jesse will post a climate change paper for CA birds on the sharepoint. The paper indicates that sage-grouse is at highest risk for climate change impacts in CA.

3. BLM review process –

- BLM will develop process for us to follow for review, but the deadlines on the RMP for Rocky Mountain may preclude that.
- At DEIS stage – review the alternatives and identify what works for grouse and what doesn't in each alternative.
- Will have the opportunity to provide in depth comments during public comment period
- WA is working as a cooperating agency – developing MOU with BLM on the revision in WA (which is not part of the larger effort)
- UT and NV PPH maps are inconsistent with state efforts – no resolution yet.
- Federal Family meeting notes are posted on the sharepoint

4. Travel management prioritization exercise – see Pat's e-mail from last week; Map was provided for reference only;

- **due to Jesse D'Elia by March 29.**

5. State plan updates:

- WY continues to work through details of implementation of their plan; could be a template for other states
- MT – has identified a Council to develop a strategy; little information currently available, but are looking for support from FWS
- SD – developing a plan, but we have not received any information or been involved
- CO – no plan, but an update of actions
- UT – asked for letter, we still have concerns
- WA – Ken Berg met with state – will do an update to the recovery plan, but not at field level yet. FWS is proposing to be a co-lead on that plan
- ID – has received a letter for concurrence on their state plan; our folks are working closely with the State on this. ID looking for relief from the BLM interim IM

6. Round the lek –

- Lara is developing a literature database that will eventually
- USGS developing a list of science priorities – can we get involved in this effort? Pat will check with Carol Schuler on how we can participate
- Checklist for review of DEIS – Jeff is developing table based off COT report – id threats and conservation objectives – he will send to Jesse and Pat
- Jeff Berglund met with BLM regarding development of effects indicators to examine impacts of actions on sage-grouse – but DEIS are out, so these will be changing – so Jeff will meet with all the BLM offices to look at how things are changing
- Lynn – working on the CNOR;
- Jason – Large scale juniper removal – 500K acres – another effort to re-establish nesting habitat.
- Messaging on NTT and COT – check sharepoint
- Jessie G. – Sage-Grouse Initiative biologist for NRCS leaving – will be a job opening in WA!

7. Next call april 18 at 2:00 p.m. MDT

