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1. Tall structures - who wants to play and other random thoughts – had a request from FS to more clearly define what a tall structure is –
 - a. Jay has been doing some initial work – not a lot of research available, but referenced Kirol 2012 (3 m; height of CB methane wells); overlap into the Great Basin may be juniper height.
 - b. Proposing a height of 10 feet – gets outside of fences and tall sage
 - c. Work by Aldridge used 9 m for oil wells; Holloran cited Aldridge's paper
 - d. Humboldt-Toiyabe EIS used 8 feet to define tall structure – need to follow up on the justification of the science
 - e. Don't want to get cross-wise with the mig.bird definitions
 - f. Military structures will fall under this
 - g. Please provide any feedback to Jay or Pat if you have thoughts.
2. Update on the Bi-State –
 - a. Steve is working on the Draft Economic Status;
 - b. re-opening comment period for 60 days due to potential discrepancies in the science – listing may be delayed up to 6 months.
 - c. Have been through the comments 1000 comments, 250 individual commenters; lots of interest in OHV, recreation, access.
 - d. Extension on Gunnison was also based on scientific discrepancy
3. UPDATE FILES ON SHAREPOINT (a gentle reminder) – status of state planning efforts, etc. – We need to keep these current as we are receiving lots of requests for immediate turnaround – if keep sharepoint current it will reduce how much we bug individual offices for data.
4. Who is doing what? – Please identify to Pat what teams you are working on for the BLM/FS planning process in particular, but others that are pertinent, including the intent of the group (its objective) and timeline.
5. Fire and invasives team – meeting on March 11 – Jason and Mike Gregg were there, Jesse D. on review team – will have a protocol available for review next week
6. Update on the "marker" memo – memo is to identify to BLM and FS the final items we would like to see , mitigation, monitoring, adaptive management, and disturbance caps.
7. National CCAA template? Kathy will follow-up on this issue and get back to the team – it might be part of the efforts to provide a template for all CCAAs, and sage-grouse are a rider to that effort.
 - a. Consistency needs to consider ecological differences – it can't always be the same everywhere.
8. New staffing - Will need to make some choices – once we get staffed will need to look at what we need to get done, what requests we are getting. Also need to consider the conservation value added and make sure our energy is focused on the right actions in the right places.

Welcome Lee Corum – energy biologist in Reno

Next call: April 17 at 2:00 p.m. Mountain