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To: Pritchard, Kyle - FS
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Fisher on northern forests

Thank you Kyle. I am glad to hear that you were able to speak with Craig Thompson.

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Greetings,
There was a Regional Biologist call today and Craig Thompson provided some direction on fisher conferencing. Specifically, sit tight and wait for further direction. I got additional confirmation from Craig after the call which I wanted to share here. Hopefully we are all on the same page about this. Thanks!

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Correct. Direction from all sides right now (meaning R5 and USFWS) is for the northern forests to continue business as usual and not to try and begin changing anything or putting much time into planning for a fisher listing. If fisher are currently a forest sensitive species, then continue to treat them as such. I double checked that with Diana Craig just before the call this morning to make sure nothing has changed. She's been given a commitment by the upper level USFWS that however this decision plays out, USFWS will work to make sure there are no impacts to project activities.

Sorry, I know that's not much to take to line, but the guidance is pretty clear.

Craig

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Hi Craig,

Thank you for giving a fisher status update on the regional bio call this morning. I think I heard you say that northern forests should hold off on doing anything about the fisher listing for now. I've had a lot of questions from my line officers about how we are handling the 'fisher issue' and our local Fish and Wildlife office (Yreka) has indicated several times that we should sit tight until we get more direction from R5. It sounds like the direction from all sides is to hold off so I just want to assure my line officers that we are following both local and regional guidance on this. We have a lot of projects being implemented and several more large-scale projects in the works and they are concerned about slowing or stopping activity. I'm sure new direction will be disseminated widely if there is a change but I just wanted to confirm what I heard on the phone call today. Current direction for northern forests is to continue to treat fisher as forest sensitive and not as TES, right? Thanks again and I hope you are staying safe!

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