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We knew this was coming. Luckily we have more time now. Just letting you know I'm forwarding your name to the folks who asked. JB

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Good Morning-

As we discussed at the in-person Status Review Meeting in January, we are ready to begin evaluating projects entered into the Conservation Efforts Database (CED). Not all projects/threats will be evaluated range wide at this stage. Initially, we are seeking review of **~350 projects** that will account for **~50%** of the acreage submitted to the CED. The remaining projects (~6,100) will be reviewed at a later time.

## Tasks

- We ask that you **assign at least 1 member of your staff** who has knowledge of sagebrush conservation efforts to evaluate projects conducted in your respective states by February 23, 2015. The Status Review Team will then consolidate and roll up these evaluations by MZ for further

analysis and incorporation into the Species Report.

- **All biologists assigned to this review must register in the CED.**

Visit <https://conservationefforts.org> to register

- The following documents are available on SharePoint (<https://portal.doi.net/usfws/SG/CEDeval/Forms/ByState.aspx>). **Please provide these to your staff assigned to this review:**

- [A list of projects by management zone](#)
- [A detailed description of the process for evaluating CED data; this document provides additional context as well as specific information about project by project evaluation.](#)

Lief Wiechman and Holly Freifeld will host two webinars for FO biologists on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (time: TBD) to demonstrate access to the CED and how to generate reports by state and by threat. Lief and Holly will be available at any time to answer any questions from your staff and to facilitate communication between those who are evaluating conservation efforts and threat-chapter authors working on the species report.

*We will also be asking for your assistance reviewing, evaluating, and summarizing, regulatory mechanisms (Federal, State, local), by management zone for the Species Report. We recognize that the same biologist tasked with reviewing the CED data may or may not be the appropriate person to assist with this task. We are currently developing products to streamline this effort and will provide more information regarding this second request shortly.*

## Timing

- **NOW:** Please identify the point person(s) for each state now (no later than February 23, 2015) so we can coordinate with those individuals soon.
- **2/24/2015:** As described above, we will host a webinar to demonstrate how to generate reports, access projects, and provide input. If needed, we will schedule a second webinar.
- **2/26/2015:** Review of projects that address agricultural conversion (in MZ 1 and 6) and energy development (in MZ 1 and 2) must be completed by Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **3/13/2015:** Conservation efforts addressing all other primary must be evaluated by Friday, March 13th.

Thanks,  
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