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**Date:** Tue, Jun 30, 2015 at 3:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Transmission line team call - APLIC GRSG BMPs  
**To:** Doug Young <[doug\\_young@fws.gov](mailto:doug_young@fws.gov)>  
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All,

If you haven't seen already, here's a link to the greenwire article where APLIC has released their BMPs for sage-grouse:

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/06/30/stories/1060021098>

The FWS has NOT endorsed this document, and I was surprised by the way this was released and the tone within the document (one of the primary reasons we did not endorse). I'm disappointed that the APLIC folks who gave this presentation on last week National Energy Team call did not let us know they were releasing these. The way the release and document itself is worded, it doesn't explicitly say who does or doesn't endorse so it gives the impression FWS did.

Link to the document itself:

[http://www.aplic.org/uploads/files/15646/SAGR%20BMP%20FINAL\\_June%202015.pdf](http://www.aplic.org/uploads/files/15646/SAGR%20BMP%20FINAL_June%202015.pdf)

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On Tue, Jun 30, 2015 at 9:47 AM, Doug Young <[doug\\_young@fws.gov](mailto:doug_young@fws.gov)> wrote:

Sorry – here's the GWW indirect effects whitepaper...

Doug

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**From:** Doug Young [mailto:[doug\\_young@fws.gov](mailto:doug_young@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:49 AM  
**To:** Julie Reeves; Amy Defreese; William Werner; Bryon Holt; Creed Clayton; Drue DeBerry; Ellen Mayo; Gary Miller; Heather McPherron; Jeff Berglund; Jeff Everett; 'Kelly Douglas'; Kevin Kritz; Lee Corum; Lief Wiechman; Lourdes Mena; Matthew Stuber; Melissa Burns; Michael Burroughs; Nathanael Brown; Rachel London; Stefanie Stavrakas; Stephen Lewis; Susan Cooper; Suzanne Anderson  
**Cc:** Nathan Darnall; Tyler Abbott; Eric Kershner  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Transmission line team call - new "Indirect Effects Whitepaper", Oregon update

Thanks Julie.

Please see attached for the FWS and BLM's joint agencies' "Whitepaper" on assessing indirect effects from the Gateway West transmission line project. FWS's sage-grouse energy team is working to convert this Gateway West indirect effects guidance into a "generic" whitepaper, that will be applicable to any new transmission line project. In the meantime, I recommend that FWS sage-grouse practitioners use this Gateway West indirect effects guidance, in combination with the FWS' COT Report/Mitigation Framework "Checklist", when you are involved in siting a new project, minimizing transmission line project effects, quantifying indirect effects, and identifying adequate compensatory mitigation for indirect effects.

B2H Update: Working with Region 1 Tribal Liaison to interpret FWS' responsibilities under Secretarial Order 3206 (Tribal Rights and ESA) in regards to this multistate linear energy project. Completed final draft of a "ESA Consultation Agreement" (CA) between FWS, NOAA Fisheries and the Federal Action Agencies – this CA defines roles, timelines, and elevation procedures for upcoming ESA s7 consultation for B2H project. FWS and BLM have drafted a COT Checklist for B2H project, based on the DEIS proposed action, that identifies areas where additional sage-grouse

actions will be necessary to ensure B2H is consistent with the COT Report and the Mitigation Framework. FWS and BLM intend to work collaboratively, between DEIS and FEIS, to address areas of inconsistency. Otherwise, B2H is quiet, as BLM and new 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor continue to review public comment on the B2H DEIS.

Thanks, Doug

**From:** Reeves, Julie [[mailto:julie\\_reeves@fws.gov](mailto:julie_reeves@fws.gov)]

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**Cc:** nathan darnall; Tyler Abbott; Eric Kershner

**Subject:** Reminder: Transmission line team call tomorrow, Wednesday at 2 pm Mountain

Hi, all,

Please remember to call in for the July transmission line team call at 2 pm Mountain tomorrow. Also, please send project updates to the team and send any agenda topics you would like to discuss. I uploaded our very short notes from the June call to our website: <https://sites.google.com/a/fws.gov/fo-transmission-team/>

Call in: 1-866-650-7570

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Agenda:

- 1) Project updates
- 2) June 16th National Energy Call - APLIC presentation
- 3) May 26th FR Notice - EIS for incidental take of migratory birds
- 4) Sage-grouse happenings (?)
- 5) Other?

Thanks!

Julie

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A thing is right when it tends toward the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community; it is wrong when it tends otherwise. ~Aldo Leopold

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