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All,

As you may know, the federally-led Fire and Invasives Assessment Team (FIAT) assessment is currently being used to develop collaborative implementation plans that address the threats of invasive species and altered fire regimes, within the context of resistant and resilient sagebrush ecosystems. While several USFWS offices across three Regions have assisted in the development of these assessments, we also believe a need and an opportunity still exists to ensure the final FIAT assessments contain the measures necessary to adequately conserve sage-grouse into the future.

The purpose of the attached memorandum is to clarify the USFWS's perspective on implementation of the FIAT assessments. This document provides more specific guidance to FO staff as we continue to provide advice and technical assistance that, ultimately, will result in optimal conservation outcomes.

Thank you to everyone participating on the FIAT teams and to those who have provided input to these assessments. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please don't hesitate to contact me.

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