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Hello all -

Last week I sent you the checklist that Jesse and I pulled together for reviewing BLM plans (starting with Chapter 2). I received some additional clarification which I wanted to share with you.

The lead BLM planners (Lauren Mermejo, Matt Magaletti and Stephanie Carmen) told me today that BLM is NOT taking comments on Chapter 2. Therefore, they are not expecting anything from us unless we see major flaws. I know that some of you have received different direction from your state BLM offices - I would respect those requests, but please advise if you receive such a request. Remember **any** comments you do send should be shared with the FMT. If they are substantive comments they need to go through our normal review process before submitting to the BLM.

I will be sending you the individual state guidance dated the end of January to assist in your reviews as well. I think that is old news for all of you but want to be sure. Be sure to reference those documents in your review.

I did notice one variation in the lek buffer language that was not referenced in any of the state guidance I reviewed regarding justifiable departures from USGS buffers. Its attached here for your use in reviews:

Although BLM is not taking comments we still need to review the information received and check for consistency with the products I sent last week. If everything in that checklist is hunky dory in the plan (or components) you have received then we are good. If not you should reach out to your BLM counterparts and find out why things are different than the provided guidance. **IN EITHER CASE YOU NEED TO DOCUMENT THE OUTCOME.** This is critical for our record. So please after review, even if no comments are sent, send an e-mail about the outcome of your review and any response received by the BLM. E-mails should be sent to Jesse and I, and copied to Nicole Alt and Mary Grim (who get to go back to DC in April and meet with BLM).

Thanks everyone. This ends your regular late Friday afternoon transmission....

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