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Hi everyone -

Just in case you've forgotten the other sage-grouse assignment the Fabulous Ron and Mary are here to help. As you recall our next assignment is to look at buffers. The assignment is to look at the buffers outlined in the USGS buffer report (just released) and compare those with the BLM/FS planning documents. The two questions to be answered are:

1. Are the buffers in the planning documents consistent with the recommendations in the USGS buffer report?
2. If the buffers are not consistent, are there other measures that provide the same conservation benefit (such as TLS, density limits, etc.).

Ron came up with this table, Mary enhanced it and I think it's a simple and elegant way to address this assignment. So please use this as a template for our next assignment (due date not yet assigned, but soon). For those of you on the GB side you can use the table Ron and Mary have filled in for NV/CA. I have modified the table for those of you on the RM side but encourage you to look at the GB table to get a feel for how to fill it out.

Thanks to Ron and Mary for pulling this together! (digging around for my gold stars - I know they are here somewhere....).

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