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Hello all:

As the coordinator of the 5 FIAT Assessments, I want to present you with a quick status update on the Fire and Invasives Assessment Process, and discuss timelines.

Current State of Assessments:

- Teams have completed approximately 28 in person workshops with local experts
- Workshops are conducted to refine broad regional findings (FIAT Step 1) into locally-relevant project/treatment opportunities through integration with more refined local data
- Partner participation in workshops has included national forests, USFWS, NRCS, State Game and Fish Agencies, and other cooperators
- Teams are beginning to craft the "narrative" sections of the FIAT assessments after a great deal of spatial data development during workshops
- Team Leads have agreed to a mid-January date for completion of "draft" assessments

You may recall that the original deadline for completion of FIAT Assessments is 1/30/15. In my discussion with some USFWS folks who have been involved in the workshops, and after discussion with Ted Koch, I see a distinct need for a review period which allows USFWS to evaluate the adequacy of FIAT reports relative to

their needs. Under the 1/30 deadline, there is no room for this review. I propose there are two options to consider, which are displayed in the attachment to this email.

Option 1

Extend the due date to 2/27, allowing a nearly two week review period where USFWS can summarize deficiencies in the FIAT assessments, as well as time for reanalysis and corrections in the FIAT reports.

Option 2

Retain the current due date of 1/30. Accomplish a review and revision of the FIAT assessments concurrently the week of 1/20-23.

In summary, my recommendation is option 1, primarily as it allows adequate time for review and document improvement. I understand there are a variety of tradeoffs at work which influence the trajectories of these things. I'm happy to discuss this with any of you, and will be polling folks early next week for your thoughts. Thanks!

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