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Greater Sage-Grouse Project Leaders:

On today's National Policy Team call with BLM and FS, Noreen advised that our Field Management Team has not yet been fully engaged by BLM state leadership to discuss the ADPPs and that we believe such coordination (which we earlier understood from BLM was to have occurred over the past month) is essential as BLM prepares to engage other stakeholders, including states and counties, and roll out their plans. FS also voiced similar concerns.

BLM has committed to accelerating their process to engage you and your FS counterparts, so this is a heads up you will likely hear from BLM state leadership soon (if you haven't already) to schedule meetings to walk through the ADPPs and related materials. We requested BLM do so at their earliest convenience, ideally in advance of upcoming webinars and meetings with the broader stakeholder community mentioned above.

We also requested BLM provide a webinar or similar opportunity for our FMT, along with FS field managers, to walk through the core components of the ADPPs so all federal family members have current understanding of the final conservation measures contained in the plans. We are hopeful BLM will schedule that soon and will keep you posted re: details.

In the meantime, please see attached the current schedule for the federal planning process. This should give you and your staff a sense of where we are in the process and what is to come. We will also share a step-down schedule BLM has developed for stakeholder engagement so you have a sense of when BLM will daylight their plans to those audiences, which in turn may generate questions for you/r staff about various aspects of the plans and implications for sage-grouse conservation.

In summary, we are working to enhance communication among and between the federal family members as we move through this important phase of the planning process and we value your feedback about whether and how field-level communication with BLM and FS is proceeding.

Thanks, and as always, please let us know if you have any immediate questions or want to discuss the above further.

Regards,

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