

From: [Brent Esmoil](#)
To: [Jodi Bush](#)
Subject: RE: FW: GrSG: draft summary of GrSG-DoD interface issues
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 8:11:48 AM

No, I haven't heard back from him.

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Did you get a response from George? JB

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On Tue, Apr 28, 2015 at 1:25 PM, Brent Esmoil <brent_esmoil@fws.gov> wrote:
Hi George:

It doesn't look like this info made it your way this morning. I'm assuming you or your staff have the appropriate POC for Malmstrom AFB, and would be better suited to touch base with them given your current working relationship. If you won't be able to, please provide the name(s) to Jodi and I, and one of us will get in touch. Thanks!

Brent

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From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 9:44 AM

To: Jodi Bush; brent_esmoil@fws.gov; Jeff Berglund; Ted Koch; Ronald Baxter; Genevieve Skora; Carolyn Swed; Mary Grim; michael_fris@fws.gov; Michael Carrier; Eric Rickerson; Jessica Gonzales; Theresa Rabot
Cc: Scott Larson; Larry Crist; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt; Theodore Stein
Subject: RE: GrSG: draft summary of GrSG-DoD interface issues
Importance: High

Folks,

I earlier contacted some of you about the below. By way of this message, Mike T. and I ask all of you who interface with local DoD POCs on sage-grouse conservation issues please take a moment and reach out to them today and advise them that this piece has generated significant media interest and that our perspective FWS-DoD working relationship in GrSG country is strong and productive (and we intend to convey same to the media and other publics).

For your awareness, we are working here to elevate this issue to bureau/DOI leadership so they can respond accordingly. The content you all provided will likely prove key to that response, as will any substantive follow-on feedback you want to offer per the above.

Our basic messaging is (a) our people (you) report good working relationships with DoD counterparts in the field and little to no major impacts to readiness from GrSG conservation activities; and (b) FWS has a long-standing national partnership with DoD and we are confident that agency's policy leadership would have raised GrSG concerns, did any actually exist.

Thanks again for your time on this. This is a potentially important juncture in sage-steppe conservation and our ability to continue to deliver that conservation and we value your input and efforts.

Matt

http://www.rollcall.com/news/congress_must_act_to_protect_military_readiness_commentary-241480-1.htm

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
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Folks,

Here's what I sent up late last week, thanks to you all. Noreen moved this to Dan and HQ leadership. I advised Noreen we can add further content, e.g., SD input, if/when we get another bite at the apple.

Much obliged, as always, for the quick, quality response.

Matt

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
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Subject: GrSG: draft summary of GrSG-DoD interface issues
Importance: High

Noreen,

Please see attached the subject doc. This represents our best, first short-order cut. We can refine as you and HQ leadership see fit.

The upshot is our folks report limited impacts to DoD operations at these sites; and, ongoing coordination and partnerships via Sikes Act and other established processes. With all due respect to Mr. Bishop, his recent public statement re: the effects of sage-grouse conservation on military readiness appear to be unsubstantiated, or at least grossly overstated, at least from this initial survey.

In my opinion, I believe DoD would have raised this issue already with the Service (beyond the earlier pre-listing mitigation pilot opportunities we discussed) if current sage-grouse conservation actions did in fact currently represent a major barrier to readiness.

Thanks are due to our ID, MT, NV, UT and WA field office folks for the quick turnaround.

As mentioned, I am stepping off for the afternoon to attend my daughter's performance downtown but can work on this further this weekend as necessary.

Thanks.

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