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Subject: Re: GRSG Mitigation - your state program description
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Hi Shauna. Here's the summary for MT. Just let us know if you have questions or need more info.

The September 2014 State Executive Order directs the MT Sage-grouse Oversight Team (MSGOT) to develop a comprehensive "sequence-based" mitigation program, including compensatory mitigation. Acceptable tools include conservation banks and habitat exchanges. Program is in preliminary formulation stage with no implementation to date - MSGOT has not yet been formed or convened. Will likely seek Service "thumbs up" review, with FWS included on the MSGOT.

On Wed, Nov 5, 2014 at 2:56 PM, Shauna Ginger <shauna_ginger@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

R1 is preparing a mitigation "primer" for the RDs this month. While we don't plan on getting into the specifics of each state's proposed mitigation programs, it would be nice to provide a brief description for each state. I think it will help illustrate the various approaches to mitigation. Could you please confirm, edit, or add language for your state below?

Three categories:

- administrator (state, other entity) & type of mitigation program (credit exchange, in lieu fee, banking, project by project, other)
- status of program development (none, early, mid, final, implemented)
- level of FWS "approval" sought for program (no approval, "thumbs up" review, signatory, pre-listing type assurances)

Much obliged,

Shauna

California: no official program – handled mainly through state ESA

Colorado: stakeholder habitat credit exchange, in final development, will request FWS pre-listing approval

Idaho:

Nevada: 1. state habitat credit exchange (for BLM actions), in final development, will request FWS pre-listing approval in Dec.;

2. single company bank agreement, in final development, is requesting FWS pre-listing approval

Utah: state administered banking system as part of overall state plan, in early planning, ?

Oregon: state administered in lieu fee program as part of overall state plan, in final development, will request FWS pre-listing approval

Montana:

North Dakota:

South Dakota:

Washington:

Wyoming: 1. State-wide core area strategy, being implemented, FWS previously endorsed;

2. stakeholder administered regional credit exchange, in development, will request FWS pre-listing approval;

3. private 3rd party bank with state-wide service area?, in review, ?

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