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I'd tweak just a bit, per below.

On Tue, May 19, 2015 at 12:11 PM, Bush, Jodi <jodi_bush@fws.gov> wrote:
anything here you think Matt got wrong? or me? JB

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From: **Matt Kales** <matt_kales@fws.gov>
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Hi, Jodi. I want to make sure I accurately captured what you reported on the recent legislation/policy actions in MT on last week's FMT call. Noreen would like to update Dan and HQ on this topic, so I'd be grateful for any edits you want to make to the below. Thanks in advance.

Matt

- The Montana Legislature recently approved two pieces of legislation re: sage-grouse conservation. Governor Bullock signed these bills into law.
- The first item appropriates \$10 million for sage-grouse conservation activities, including **easement** acquisition (**the Oversight Team is to decide whether to approve proposals for any transfer to the state of any fee simple interest in real property**). Industry is expected to target this **program** heavily to offset future development in sage-grouse habitat in Montana.
- The second item appropriates ~\$500,000 to MT DNRC to staff the FTEs identified in the state's Sage-Grouse Conservation Habitat Conservation Program and associated Executive Order (No. 10-2014).

The Governor's Office has advised they continue to target Fall 2015 as a

- release date for the second, follow up Executive Order (requiring mandatory state agency compliance) and will provide the Service the opportunity to review interim clarification materials intended to address several FWS concerns with the 9/14 EO in June.

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