

From: [Bush, Jodi](#)
To: [Berglund, Jeff](#)
Subject: Re: Please read: RE: GRSG: revisions to state-specific issues in Dan's SGTF TPs
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:06:42 AM

I sent a response on Friday. Let me know if you see problems with it. JB

Jodi L. Bush
Field Supervisor
Montana Ecological Services Office
585 Shepard Way, Suite 1
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 449-5225, ext.205

On Tue, Jan 20, 2015 at 7:12 AM, Berglund, Jeff <jeff_berglund@fws.gov> wrote:
My thoughts on a response below - revise at will! Looks like they need it this morning.

J

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Matt Kales** <matt_kales@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 16, 2015 at 2:07 PM
Subject: Please read: RE: GRSG: revisions to state-specific issues in Dan's SGTF TPs
To: Jodi Bush <jodi_bush@fws.gov>, Jeff Berglund <jeff_berglund@fws.gov>, Dennis Mackey <dennis_mackey@fws.gov>, Jason Pyron <jason_pyron@fws.gov>
Cc: Pat Deibert <pat_deibert@fws.gov>, Jesse DELia <jesse_delia@fws.gov>, Michael Thabault <michael_thabault@fws.gov>, Nicole Alt <nicole_alt@fws.gov>, Theresa Rabot <theresa_rabot@fws.gov>

Folks,

We ran out of time on this one and had to send the briefing package to Dan. If you can still please respond to the email before the TF meeting starts (1200 MST on Tues., 1/20) Dan and Noreen could still use your input. Thanks.

Matt

From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Jodi Bush; Jeff Berglund; Dennis Mackey; Jason Pyron
Cc: Pat Deibert; Jesse DELia; Michael Thabault; Nicole Alt; Theresa Rabot
Subject: GRSG: revisions to state-specific issues in Dan's SGTF TPs
Importance: High

Folks,

Good to see everyone this week, and thanks for working with Pat and Jesse to develop some state-specific content for Dan's talking points for next week's Governors' Sage-Grouse Task Force meeting. Noreen reviewed the content we sent her yesterday and had the following questions:

For Montana we said:

- In **Montana** fully implement mandatory adherence to the EO by all state agencies (in sufficient time to be considered in our status review), with use of a minimum 1-mile lek buffer and application of the mitigation sequence (avoid, minimize, reclaim, compensate) to all core areas, connectivity areas and general habitats. Require compensatory mitigation for all projects that will result in direct, indirect, temporary and permanent impacts so as to achieve a net conservation gain for sage-grouse and their habitats.

Question for Jodi and Jeff: Noreen got the impression from speaking with you all this week that resolution of issues w/the state (Tim B.) was going well and we'd settled many of the above issues, so can you please indicate whether Dan should be highlighting the above as things we've agreed to or are these things the state still needs to do? [Discussions with the State have been productive, and it seems they will address many of the primary issues that we've raised: however, it is still unclear as to when the State will issue clarifications on the EO \(regarding our concerns\), and when they will require mandatory compliance. They are unlikely to increase the lek buffer - but we have let them know we would continue to seek an increase. Mitigation \(overall sequencing and compensatory\) also remains unclear, and although we have provided suggestions, requested clarification, and had good discussions, we are unsure of their final approach and include the issue again here to stress its importance to the EO.](#)

For Idaho we said:

- In **Idaho** finalize commitments for sage grouse conservation measures for state and private lands, including implementation of a mitigation strategy; development of mechanisms and funding for fire prevention and suppression (including additional Rural Fire Protection Associations); development of measures and funding for sage grouse habitat enhancement and restoration; and Increase capacity for sage grouse population and habitat monitoring.

Question for Dennis and Jason: Noreen understands ID to be a leader in supporting RFPAs so, similar to the MT question, should Dan couch his remarks more in terms of "these are good things ID is doing and we support their efforts" or are these things the state still needs to do?

Please advise ASAP on the above. Pat: FYI; I made some minor changes to CO and WY per Noreen's direction and will send same back to you all once we finalize this product.

Thanks in advance.

MK

Matt Kales

Special Assistant for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation

Office of the Regional Director

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain-Prairie Region

Office: (303) 236-4576

Mobile: (720) 234-0257

--

Jeff Berglund
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Montana Field Office
585 Shepard Way, Suite 1
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 449-5225, ext. 206