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Handout for this afternoon's Implementation of Leadership Meeting

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Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 12:52 PM

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Greetings all,

Tim and Mary Jo asked that I forward this on to you all for this afternoon's meeting.

If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to ask. Have a wonderful afternoon!

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To: Brian St George
Deputy State Director, BLM Colorado

From: State Directors

Subject: Delegation of Authority for Team Leadership

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Sage-grouse Task Force Meeting (Denver, CO) - Monday afternoon, 11...

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Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 11:25 AM

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All -

These are my REALLY rough notes from the Sagegrouse Task Force meeting earlier this week. Please don't share these more broadly as they are very rough. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sage-grouse Task Force Meeting (Denver, CO) - Monday afternoon, 11/23/17

The meeting began with introductions of all of the meeting participants.

Bob turned the meeting over to David Bernhardt for opening remarks. (b)(5) Deliberative

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The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Re: July 12-13 SO 3353 meeting Draft Agenda

1 message

Kelleher, Karen <kkelleh@blm.gov>

Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 3:41 PM

To: Todd Yeager <tyeager@blm.gov>, "Munson, Johanna" <jmunson@blm.gov>, "Valori (Lori) Armstrong" <vaarmstrong@blm.gov>, Gordon Toevs <gtoevs@blm.gov>, Heather Feeney <hfeeney@blm.gov>, Quincy Bahr <qfbahr@blm.gov>, "Trettin, Diana" <dtrettin@blm.gov>, Brian St George <bstgeorg@blm.gov>, Jonathan Beck <jmbeck@blm.gov>, Kathryn Stangl <kstangl@blm.gov>, Nicole Alt <nicole_alt@fws.gov>, "Rodney (Rick) Belger" <rbelger@blm.gov>, Steve Hanser <shanser@usgs.gov>, "Raymond (Ray) Stott" <rstott@blm.gov>, Janna Simonsen <jsimonsen@blm.gov>, Timothy Spisak <tspisak@blm.gov>, "Bail, Kristin" <kbail@blm.gov>, "Herren, Vicki" <vherren@blm.gov>, "Prentice, Karen" <kprentic@blm.gov>, Jared Reese <jreese@blm.gov>, Martin Griffith <mgriffit@blm.gov>, "Husse, Erica" <ehusse@blm.gov>, Bridget Clayton <bclayton@blm.gov>, John Carlson <jccarlso@blm.gov>, Sandra Leach <ssleach@blm.gov>, Danielle Chi <dchi@blm.gov>, Jeremiah Karuzas <jkaruzas@blm.gov>, Matthew Magaletti <mmagalet@blm.gov>, Molly Anthony <manthony@blm.gov>, "Ralston, Jill" <jralston@blm.gov>, June Shoemaker <jshoemaker@blm.gov>, "Melvin (Joe) Tague" <jtague@blm.gov>, Jolie Pollet <jpollet@blm.gov>, Michelle Barret <mbarret@blm.gov>, John Ruhs <jruhs@blm.gov>, Mary Jo Rugwell <mrugwell@blm.gov>, Timothy Murphy <tmurphy@blm.gov>, Jerome Perez <jperez@blm.gov>, Jamie Connell <jconnell@blm.gov>, Marci Todd <m1todd@blm.gov>, Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>, Gregory Shoop <gshoop@blm.gov>, Jon Raby <jraby@blm.gov>, Peter Ditton <pditton@blm.gov>, Sarah Shattuck <sarah.shattuck@sol.doi.gov>, Aaron Moody <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>, "Krauss, Jeff" <jkrauss@blm.gov>, "Allen, Matthew" <mrallen@blm.gov>, Howard Cantor <hcantor@blm.gov>, Stephen Small <ssmall@blm.gov>, Howard Hedrick <hhedrick@blm.gov>, Gregory Russell <Gregory.Russell@sol.doi.gov>, Laura Brown <laura.brown@sol.doi.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, "Harper, Robert -FS" <rharper@fs.fed.us>

Cc: Linda Thurn <lthurn@blm.gov>, Kelly Orr <korr@blm.gov>, Peter Mali <pmali@blm.gov>

Hi all,

Here is an updated agenda for the main body of the SO 3353 Working meeting on 7/12-13, based on our discussions with the SGTF. Note that the topics for the breakout sessions have been set. Coordinators - Please send this on to anyone I have missed. Core, extended core, work group leaders (you know who you are) - Yes, there are pre and post sessions scheduled on Tuesday afternoon & Friday morning - Todd has provided a separate agenda for those.

GRSG ELT members - apologies, but the first set of breakout sessions now start at 1pm instead of 3pm on Wednesday (2nd session remains Thursday 8-10am). This was unavoidable to ensure full participation in these topics from some of the key SGTF members. We still encourage you to join when ELT finishes on Wednesday for the remaining topics and to attend the breakout sessions on Thursday morning as your time and interest allows. Also note that starting at 10:15 am on Thursday we will hear back from the breakout sessions so you will get summaries there on any breakouts you may have missed.

If you have not made hotel reservations, please do so - the hotel is holding rooms until tomorrow 7/7/17.

See you on Wednesday (or Tuesday if you are a lucky group leader). Any questions, please call me on my mobile phone at 202-768-1876 or call Todd Yeager at (406) 233-2837 or speak with your respective state POCs.

Thanks Karen

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July 12, 2017

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8:00am – 8:15am	Logistics Discussion/Agenda Review		TBD	
8:15am – 8:30am	Welcome		SGTF Karen Kelleher, BLM	
8:30am – 10:00am	BLM Plans Response Summary		SGTF TBD BLM TBD	Report on the submitted data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify if item is Clarification/ Policy/ Modification Identify Rangewide/ State Capture Lexicon (vocabulary issues)
10:00am – 10:15am	Break			
10:15am – 11:00am	BLM Plans Response Summary Continued			
11:00am – 12:00pm	BLM Existing/New Policy Response Summary		SGTF TBD BLM TBD	Report on the submitted data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting stage for discussion from 3 - 5 pm (6 groups)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch			
<i>Session Working Group Break Outs</i>				
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Minerals – Stipulations, NSO, CSU, Exceptions, Waivers, and Modifications, Density, Disturbance			For topic identified bring forth potential solutions through no action; policy clarifications, modifications or rescissions; training; MOUs; plan modifications; etc.
	Habitat Assessment Framework and Habitat Objective Table; Effectiveness Monitoring			
	Mitigation/Net Conservation Gain			
	Adaptive Management			
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Break			
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Wildland Fire and Invasive Species Response Summary			For topic identified bring forth potential solutions through no action; policy clarifications, modifications or rescissions; training; MOUs; plan modifications; etc.
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Biological Metrics Response Summary			
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Data and Science Review Response Summary			
4:45pm – 5:30pm	Day 1 Wrap Up, Day 2 Planning and Feedback		SGTF Karen Kelleher, BLM	Identify issues for further discussion for Day 2 topics

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Outstanding Topic Sessions Working Group Break Outs				
8:00am – 10:00am	Grazing, WHB, Reserve Common Allotments			For topic identified bring forth potential solutions through no action; policy clarifications, modifications or rescissions; training; MOUs; plan modifications; etc.
	Exclusion, Avoidance, Required Design Features, Lek Buffers, Timing, Tall Structures			
	Habitat Boundaries (SFA, GHMA, PHMA) Modifications etc.			
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10:15am – 10:35am	Wildland Fire and Invasive Species		SGTF TBD Rick Belger, BLM	Participants will provide additional thoughts/ suggestions on report content.
10:35am – 10:55am	Biological Metrics		SGTF TBD Nicole Alt, USFWS	
10:55am – 11:15am	Data and Science		SGTF Steve Hanser, USGS	
11:15am – 11:35am	Minerals – Stipulations, NSO, CSU, Exceptions, Waivers, and Modifications, Density, Disturbance		SGTF & BLM Breakout Leads	Present the information from the work group. Participants will provide additional thoughts/ suggestions on report content.
11:35am – 11:55am	Habitat Assessment Framework and Habitat Objective Table			
11:55am – 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00pm – 1:20pm	Mitigation/Net Conservation Gain		SGTF & BLM Breakout Leads	Each topic lead will present the information from their work group. Participants will provide additional thoughts/ suggestions on report content.
1:20pm – 1:40pm	Adaptive Management			
1:40pm – 2:00pm	Grazing, WHB, Reserve Common Allotments			
2:00pm – 2:20pm	Exclusion, Avoidance, Required Design Features, Lek Buffers, Timing, Tall Structures			
2:20pm – 2:40pm	Habitat Boundaries (SFA, GHMA, PHMA) Modifications etc.			
2:40pm – 3:00pm	Next Steps – Main Meeting Closing Comments		SGTF TBD BLM TBD	
Conclusion of Main Meeting				
Topic Area Product Finalization Breakout				
3:00pm – 5:00pm	BLM Plan Session (Consistency reporting for 3 morning groups)		SGTF TBD BLM TBD	Prepare Documents for incorporation into the response for SO3353
	Wildland Fire and Invasive Species		SGTF TBD Rick Belger, BLM	
	BLM Policy Session (IMs)		SGTF TBD BLM TBD	

	Biological Metrics Session		SGTF Nicole Alt, USFWS	
	Data and Science Review		SGTF Steve Hanser, USGS	



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Hi all,

attached is the draft agenda for July 12-13. Please note that this is currently in review with SGTF and we may make some adjustments based on the materials we receive today from the states (particularly with regards to identifying priority topics for discussion). However, the core timeline is set.

Please note that we are hoping to have good GRSG ELT representation as many will join us when ELT completes. We start the breakout sessions to discuss recommendations at 3pm on the 12th and continue into the 13th so that timing works well with the ELT timing.

Note also that the main part of the meeting ends at 3pm on the 13th. We would like one representative from each state to stay for Thursday afternoon to complete any needed discussion and to discuss developing the report. Based on the issues we receive from the states today, we will likely also ask a few key participants to stay for Friday morning and to assist in writing the report - we will make those specific requests early next week.

Reminder that we are asking each BLM state/FA/NOC to send up to 2 people. We are trying to balance ensuring a robust conversation & managing travel costs. If you are unable to send anyone or want to send more than 2, please let us know as soon as possible. Please encourage your state agency/Governors office counterparts to send attendees as well.

Reminder to please make your hotel reservations - information below.

Thanks and any questions please contact me, Todd, Johanna, Lori or Gordon.

Karen

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thanks

Karen

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12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00pm – 1:40pm	Wildland Fire and Invasive Species Response Summary		SGTF Rick Belger, BLM	Report on the submitted data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Clarifications or Inclusions
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3:15pm – 5:00pm	Session Working Group Break Outs – Number TBD			
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	Topic 2		TBD	
	Topic 3		TBD	
	Topic 4		TBD	For topic identified bring forth potential solutions through no action; policy clarifications, modifications or rescissions; training; MOUs; plan modifications; etc.
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11:45am – 1:00pm	Lunch			
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1:30pm – 2:00pm	Report out on Topic 3		TBD	
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Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 2:55 PM

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Cc: "Trettin, Diana" <dtrettin@blm.gov>

All - here's the info for the coordination meeting for Secretarial Order 3353 to be held July 12-13 in Denver. Based on the last draft agenda I saw, the meeting will start at 8:00 on Wed July 12 and it will be done for general BLM participation by about 3:30 on July 13. I'll make sure you receive a confirmed agenda when finalized so you might be able to arrange flight options.

Mary Jo and Brian - there is an interest in your participation also on the morning of July 14

Call if you have questions.

The hotel is holding rooms into next week, so please make those as quick as you can.

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Date: Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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Lori/Johanna - could you of you send this hotel information on to the SD, DSDs, and State POCs?

thanks

Karen

The Secretarial Order 3353 Coordination Meeting will take place in Denver, Colorado from July 12, 2017 through July 13, 2017. Agenda to follow shortly.

To stay within a reasonable travel cost, we are asking each BLM state office to send up to 2 people (this does not include ELT members who may attend when ELT completes nor does it include core team members). They should be people who can talk to policy/plan issues within your state, but may also have knowledge in one or more of the other topic areas (fire & invasives; science/data; biological metrics).

This will be a joint Federal-State meeting. GRSG ELT members will join us on the 13th.

Certain "core" team members will be asked to come in to pre-meet on the afternoon of July 11 and to stay to organize report writing on the morning of July 14 (you will get a separate message if you are part of this group).

The event will be held at the following location:

Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center

15500 East 40th Street. Denver. Colorado. 80239

D 303-371-9494 F 303-375-1808

- Reservations are being held for a block of 50 rooms - see below for information on these rooms
- Federal Per Diem Rates are guaranteed for participants at \$178/night. Please provide your tax exempt information when you check in.
- Rooms are available from July 11 - July 15 2017.
- There is a free airport shuttle and a free shuttle is available to take guests to surrounding areas.
- The hotel will provide free parking to participants.

Hotel Reservation Information:

Below is the booking link and booking code that your attendees will use to make their reservations

- Booking Link: <https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=DENAU&PMID=99801505&GPC=DOI&viewfullsite=true>
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Sage-grouse Secretarial Order - issues

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Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 10:01 AM

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Greetings all -

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Friday. We are looking forward to a good conversation! The BLM Washington Office, in response to Secretarial Order 3353, has requested information from each BLM office regarding issues their State may have had with the GRSG plan and associated policies. The WO is hoping to gather the information in order to synthesize it range-wide and prepare a report to the Secretary. I have begun to compile the information using a template provided by the BLM WO - a draft is attached. I started with the Governor's consistency review letter and various informal communications. The issues included are just a starting point - we like to expand discussion from the plan into the policies and some of the planning process history. But I thought it would be helpful to share the issues in advance of our meeting regarding the Secretarial Order on Friday morning.

In addition to the review of the GRSG land use plan amendment, the Secretarial order also initiates a review of consistency between the BLM plans and State plans to protect Sage-grouse. During the planning process, we were fortunate to have an excellent partnership with CPW and DNR working together to promote GRSG conservation while maintaining flexibility while managing Colorado's unique sage-grouse habitat. There is an opportunity currently to revisit our the continued partnership while moving both the BLM and State plans forward.

So - take a look at the attached information and look forward to a productive discussion -

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Topical Area		Oil and Gas Management Decisions – Lease Stipulation exception criteria	
Bold All that Apply			
Scope	Rangewide	Regional	State
Describe the Issue			
<p>The RMPA does not allow waivers or modifications to NSO-46e. For exceptions to be granted the proposed action:</p> <p>(i) Would not have direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on GRSG or its habitat; or</p> <p>(ii) Is proposed to be undertaken as an alternative to a similar action occurring on a nearby parcel, and would provide a clear conservation gain to GRSG.</p> <p>Exceptions based on conservation gain (ii) may only be considered in: (a) PHMA of mixed ownership where federal minerals underlie less than 50 percent of the total surface; or (b) areas of BLM-administered lands where the proposed exception is an alternative to an action occurring on a nearby parcel subject to a valid federal fluid mineral lease existing as of the date of this RMP [revision or amendment]. Exceptions based on conservation gain must also include measures, such as enforceable institutional controls and buffers, sufficient to allow the BLM to conclude that such benefits will endure for the duration of the proposed action's impacts.</p> <p>The BLM Authorized Officer may not grant an exception unless the applicable state wildlife agency, USFWS, and BLM unanimously find that the proposed action satisfies (i) or (ii). A team of one field biologist or other GRSG expert shall initially make such finding from each respective agency. In the event the initial finding is not unanimous, the finding may be elevated to the appropriate BLM State Director, USFWS State Ecological Services Director, and state wildlife agency head for final resolution. In the event their finding is not unanimous, the exception will not be granted.</p> <p>Issue:</p> <p>The Proposed LUPA delegates to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) the ability to veto proposed exceptions to NSO stipulations generally required on oil and gas leases in PHMA, even if Colorado's Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and BLM biologists find that the proposed exception is unlikely to harm Greater Sage Grouse. (See Appendix D and Table 2.2 at p. 2-21). With the exception of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Colorado's Parks and Wildlife Commission and CPW have statutory authority over wildlife management in Colorado.</p> <p>As the greater sage-grouse has not been listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA (and the goal of the LUPA is to keep it that way) FWS does not have jurisdiction over management decisions concerning the greater sage-grouse or its habitat in Colorado.</p> <p>Colorado BLM worked with cooperating agencies, including DNR and CPW to provide flexibility while protecting sage-grouse by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. prohibiting leasing within one mile of lek2. Apply NSO stip beyond one mile and to remainder of PHMA.3. Determine, on a case-by-case basis, the impacts to sage-grouse vs the benefits of off-site mitigation. The requirement for consensus in order for NSO exceptions to be granted removed overall strategy of working with industry/state partners, etc, to determine impacts to grouse specific to Colorado's unique habitat in the southeastern portion of range.			
Please Provide Next Steps to All that Apply			
Clarification, Training, and other suggestions (less	Clarification – clear conservation gain standard (exception criteria ii).		

than new policy or plan changes)	Clarification – change to modification, exception, and waiver criteria which more closely align with their definitions.
Policy	
Plan Changes	Remove requirement for FWS to participate in unanimous decision which determines whether to grant exception based on criteria.

Topical Area	Priority High Voltage Transmission Lines – exemption for plan provisions		
Bold All that Apply			
Scope	Rangewide	Regional	State
Describe the Issue			
<p>This decision is inconsistent with the priority and urgency that both Colorado and the federal government have placed on improving protections for the greater sage-grouse in this state. The FEIS discusses the many adverse environmental consequences of constructing and operating high voltage transmission lines in greater sage-grouse habitat. The impacts can be significant, including habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation, invasion of noxious weeds, increased predation on grouse, direct mortality, changes in lek dynamics, lek abandonment, and avoidance and/or lower population growth rates near power lines.</p> <p>Allowing TWE and EGS to be exempt from provisions in plan allows potential for local projects to be prohibited due to impact from larger transmission line.</p>			
Please Provide Next Steps to All that Apply			
Clarification, Training, and other suggestions (less than new policy or plan changes)			
Policy			
Plan Changes			
Other			

Topical Area	Habitat Map Updates		
Bold All that Apply			
Scope	Rangewide	Regional	State
Describe the Issue			
The Proposed LUPA does not adequately commit to updating the maps to reflect Colorado's revisions. Revise the Proposed LUPA to provide that whenever CPW updates maps of PHMA and GHMA, the BLM will adopt the updates for the LUPA. When doing so, absent extraordinary circumstances, the BLM should treat the updates as plan maintenance rather than as a land use plan amendment.			
Please Provide Next Steps to All that Apply			
Clarification, Training, and other suggestions (less than new policy or plan changes)	Clarify conditions under which plan amendment would be appropriate. If CPW agrees to new maps, maintenance action would be likely.		
Policy			
Plan Changes			
Other			

Topical Area	Net conservation gain		
Bold All that Apply			
Scope	Rangewide	Regional	State
Describe the Issue			
Between preliminary proposed plan and final proposed plan – language regarding net conservation gain was added: SSS-3: In all sage-grouse habitat, in undertaking BLM management actions, and, consistent with valid existing rights and applicable law, in authorizing third-party actions that result in habitat loss and degradation, the BLM will require and ensure mitigation that provides a net conservation gain to the species including accounting for any uncertainty associated with the effectiveness of such mitigation. This will be achieved by avoiding, minimizing, and compensating for impacts by applying beneficial mitigation actions.			
Please Provide Next Steps to All that Apply			
Clarification, Training, and other suggestions (less than new policy or plan changes)	Clarification for situations where net conservation gain applies.		
Policy			
Plan Changes			
Other			

Topical Area	Lek buffers		
Bold All that Apply			
Scope	Rangewide	Regional	State
Describe the Issue			
<p>Between preliminary proposed plan and final proposed plan – language regarding lek buffers was added:</p> <p>MD SSS-2: In undertaking BLM management actions, and consistent with valid and existing rights and applicable law in authorizing third-party actions, the BLM will apply the lek buffer-distances identified in the US Geological Survey Report Conservation Buffer Distance Estimates for Greater Sage-Grouse – A Review (Open File Report 2014-1239) in accordance with Appendix B.</p>			
Please Provide Next Steps to All that Apply			
Clarification, Training, and other suggestions (less than new policy or plan changes)	Provide clarification regarding “applying lek buffer distances.” Lek buffer distances are those distances within which we analyze impacts – they are not restrictions on activities. Clarify – we will use best available science, including consideration of distances in the lek buffer paper, to analyze impacts to GRSG.		
Policy			
Plan Changes			
Other			



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Fwd: Secretary's talking point and review status

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Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 5:07 PM

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FYI. some talking points we put together summarizing key points from the SGTF meeting for the Secretary to use at WGA tomorrow.

On the face to face meeting - we are nailing down the location & room block in Denver near the Airport for July 12-13 (core team will meet July 11 pm & July 14 am as well). We expect to start first thing the morning of the 12th, but to manage costs will aim to get done early enough on July 13 that most people can get out that day. We plan to send the details out tomorrow, but in the meantime please start to consider who you may send.

To stay within a reasonable travel cost, we are asking each BLM state office to send 2 people (this does not include ELT members who may attend when ELT completes nor does it include core team members). They should be people who can talk to policy/plan issues within your state, but may also have knowledge in one or more of the other topic areas (fire & invasives; science/data; biological metrics).

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Hi Kate & Rich,

Attached are some talking points & background information for the Secretary for WGA. These are the outcome from today's Sage Grouse Task Force meeting. Mike and Kathy have reviewed these. Kathy has indicated that Downey would like them as well.
Karen

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Hello again State Directors,
apologies for the multiple emails.

Jim Cason has named the Sage Grouse Review Team - below is the memo to that effect with the names for your information.

I have also included the documents we have shared with the SGTF to facilitate Monday's meeting. These documents are largely what you have already seen with some updates: a preliminary plan (slightly revised to reflect some of the delays that have occurred & to include the SGTF & EOC meetings); a draft report outline (much more detailed), the template for gathering plan & policy issues, and preliminary questions on fire & invasives.

Karen

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Congratulations,

You have been confirmed by Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason as a member of the Sage Grouse Review Team for SO 3353. We greatly appreciate your help in meeting the requirements of the SO. I have attached several documents that you may find useful to review. Also, on Monday, the WGA Sage Grouse Task Force will meet in Whitefish, MT from 10-11:30am. If you plan to be at WGA, it would be great if you could attend; there will also be a phone line available for your to call in. Please contact me for more information. We will also plan a Review Team meeting, likely next week, depending on member availability.

Thanks

Karen

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From: Michael D. Nedd, Acting Director – Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Recommended Members for the Sage Grouse Review Team

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Concur: ✓

Do not concur: _____

Alternative appointments: _____

Signature: James C. Cason

James C. Cason

Date: 6/20/17



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3353

Subject: Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States

Sec. 1 Purpose. The purposes of the Order are to: (1) enhance cooperation between the Department of the Interior (Department) and the States of Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Colorado (the Eleven Western States) in the management and conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse (Sage-Grouse) and its habitat; (2) support a partnership with clearly defined objectives and roles for Federal and State entities responsible for Sage-Grouse management and conservation in order to sustain healthy populations of the species; and (3) establish a team to review the Federal land management agencies' Sage-Grouse plan amendments and revisions completed on or before September 2015.

Sec. 2 Authorities. This Order is issued under the authority of section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and pursuant to the land management and programmatic authorities of the bureaus identified below in section 4b.

Sec. 3 Background. The Department has broad responsibilities to manage Federal lands and resources for the public's benefit, including, but not limited to, permitting authorized uses; managing habitat to support fish, wildlife, and other resources; protecting cultural resources; and providing recreational and educational opportunities on Federal lands and waters.

The State agencies responsible for fish and wildlife management possess broad powers for the protection and management of fish, wildlife, and plants within their borders, except where preempted by Federal law. State agencies are at the forefront of efforts to maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations and to conserve at-risk species to ensure that protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is not required.

The State-Federal Sage-Grouse Task Force (SGTF) was established in 2011 as a forum for high-level State and Federal representatives to meet and evaluate policies, programs, management actions, data sharing, and other actions affecting conservation of the Sage-Grouse and the sagebrush ecosystem, as well as the health of the communities and economies of the American West.

In September 2015, the Department and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) adopted amendments and revisions to 98 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land use plans across the Eleven Western States addressing, in part, the Sage-Grouse and its habitat (the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans). The 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans govern management of 67 million acres of Federal lands. More than half of remaining Sage-Grouse habitat is on land managed by BLM and USFS. As the Department moves forward in the management of Sage-Grouse habitat, it is imperative that it does so in a manner that allows both

wildlife and local economies to thrive and incorporate the expertise of Federal employees in the field, local conditions, and proven State and local approaches.

In October 2015, in reliance upon the conservation commitments and progress reflected in Federal land use plan amendments and revisions and other private, State, and Federal conservation efforts, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) determined that the Sage-Grouse did not warrant listing under the ESA. In making that finding, FWS committed to work with State and Federal partners to conduct a Sage-Grouse status review in 5 years.

Sec. 4 Policy.

a. Cooperation with the Eleven Western States on Sage-Grouse Conservation Efforts.

Consistent with governing laws, regulations, and policies, the Department will implement a multifaceted strategy to enhance cooperation with the Eleven Western States primarily responsible for the management and conservation of Sage-Grouse. The strategy will include supporting a partnership that allows the Department and the Eleven Western States to maintain healthy populations of Sage-Grouse and improve collaboration and integration of State and local concerns and approaches into sagebrush management and conservation on Federal lands. Accordingly, and subject to paragraph 4b, below, the BLM Director, working with other heads of bureaus and offices within the Department, USFS, and affected States through the SGTF, shall develop:

- (i) memorandums of understanding and other agreements with states and other partners regarding implementation of the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans;
- (ii) training for BLM staff regarding implementation of the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans, including direction to consider state and local information, as appropriate; and
- (iii) memorandums of understanding and other agreements with States and other partners regarding integration of information on Sage-Grouse populations into Federal land management decisions.

b. Department of the Interior Sage-Grouse Review Team.

This Order establishes the Sage-Grouse Review Team (Team). The Team will be made up of land managers and other professionals from bureaus and offices, including BLM, FWS, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The Team will closely coordinate with USDA and USFS. The Team will engage with appropriate State agencies through the SGTF to coordinate its work. The Team is hereby directed to conduct:

- (i) a review of the plans and programs that States already have in place to ensure that the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans adequately complement state efforts to conserve the species;

(ii) a further examination, through the framework established by the Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy, of issues associated with preventing and fighting the proliferation of invasive grasses and wildland fire, which are leading threats to Sage-Grouse habitat;

(iii) an examination of the impact on individual States disproportionately affected by the large percentage of Federal lands within their borders, recognizing that those lands are important to resource use and development, and to the conservation of the Sage-Grouse;

(iv) a review of the 2015 Sage-Grouse Plans and associated policies, including seven BLM Instruction Memoranda (IM) issued in September 2016. The review will include (1) identification of provisions that may require modification or rescission, as appropriate, in order to give appropriate weight to the value of energy and other development of public lands within BLM's overall multiple-use mission and to be consistent with the policy set forth in Secretary's Order 3349, "American Energy Independence," implementing the Executive Order signed by the President on March 28, 2017, "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth"; and (2) opportunities to conserve the Sage-Grouse and its habitat without inhibiting job creation and local economic growth;

(v) as appropriate, the Team should provide recommendations with regard to (1) captive breeding; (2) opportunities to enhance State involvement; (3) efficacy of target populations on a State-by-State basis; and (4) additional steps that can be taken in the near term to maintain or improve the current population levels and habitat conditions.

Sec. 5. Implementation.

a. Within 10 days of the signing of this Order, the Deputy Secretary will designate individuals from within the Department to serve on the Team.

b. The BLM Director will designate an individual to coordinate all activities by and within the Department with respect to implementation of this Order.

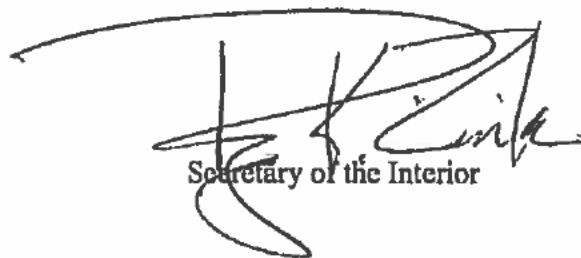
c. All bureaus and offices are directed to immediately begin implementing section 4 of this Order by identifying opportunities for cooperative management agreements and collaborative partnerships with the Eleven Western States and by outlining any specific steps to be undertaken.

d. Within 60 days of the date of this Order, the Team shall provide a report to the Secretary summarizing the review set forth in section 4b of this Order and provide recommendations regarding additional steps the Department should take to address any issues identified as a result of that review.

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Secretary of the Interior

Date: June 7, 2017



June 20, 2017

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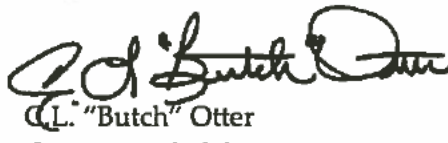
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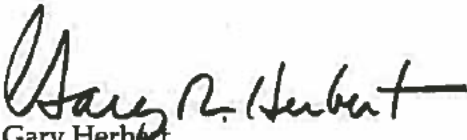
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Good afternoon,

On June 7, the Secretary of Interior issued Secretarial Order No. 3353, Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States. The Order has several associated tasks but the focus of this request here is to conduct "a further examination, through the framework established by the Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy, of issues associated with preventing and fighting the proliferation of invasive annual grasses and wildland fire, which are leading threats to Sage-Grouse habitat."

You have been identified as your state's point of contact to provide information on the issue of invasive annual grasses and wildland fire.

The questionnaire below will assist us with gathering information from your respective state on the issue of wildland fire and invasive annual grasses. A representative working on a response to the Order will follow-up this questionnaire with a phone call.

The timeframe to gather information and report to the Secretary is very short. A written response is preferred to ensure we are properly capturing your state's input, but we will need a written response by Friday, June 23. If you are unable to provide a written response within this time frame, we can take notes from a phone conversation.

Secretarial Order No. 3353 can be found at
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/so_3353.pdf

The Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy (IRFMS) provides a comprehensive approach in addressing wildland fire and invasive species in the sagebrush rangelands, with a particular focus on integrated fire and resource vegetation and restoration projects. The strategy emphasizes the use of collaboration and integration with partners to prioritize resources, budgets, and capacity; and promote efficiency and expediency in managing the sagebrush rangelands. The IRFMS lists numerous Action Items including both long- and short-term activities in fire and fuels management, post-fire restoration, and large-scale removal of invasive annual grasses. The IRFMS also supports the development of a sagebrush centered conservation and restoration strategy, which is being addressed through collaboration with WAFWA in the development of their Sagebrush Conservation Strategy.

The Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy (IRFMS) document can be found at
https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/rangeland/documents/IntegratedRangelandFireManagementStrategy_FinalReportMay2015.pdf

1. What collaborative efforts have occurred in your state to address the threats from wildland fire and invasive annual grasses to sagebrush rangelands and Greater Sage-Grouse habitats?

2. What can federal, state and local governments and local cooperators do to improve collaboration and coordination on addressing wildland fire and invasive annual grasses in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat?
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 - c. Do land managers need more science or research related to invasive annual grasses or wildland fire in Greater Sage-Grouse habitat? If so, on what specific topics?
3. What are your state's recommendations to improve the "All Hands All Lands" collaborative approach to wildland fire management (do we need additional tools)?

4. Do you have any other additional recommendations or information to include?



Shoop, Gregory <gshoop@blm.gov>

Fwd: June 26 SGTF Meeting

1 message

Kelleher, Karen <kkelleh@blm.gov>

Thu, Jun 22, 2017 at 6:27 PM

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In case you did not receive it, below is the invitation to the SGTF meeting on Monday. Mike Nedd, Todd Yeager and I will be attending in person. Happily they have set up a conference line to allow call-in participation, which we encourage you to please do if you can. The link in the email below allows you to RSVP for the SGTF and indicate that you plan to call in. We are working with SGTF on the agenda & will share it when it is available tomorrow.

thanks

Karen

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From: Zach Bodhane <zbodhane@westgov.org>

Date: Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 2:45 PM

Subject: June 26 SGTF Meeting

To: Zach Bodhane <zbodhane@westgov.org>

Cc: Troy Timmons <ttimmons@westgov.org>

Dear Sage Grouse Task Force Members:

Attached please find a letter delivered by several SGTF states to Secretary Zinke announcing a meeting to discuss the role of the Task Force in implementation of Secretarial Order 3353. In the letter, Governors note that a SGTF meeting (**agenda attached**) will be held on Monday, June 26 in conjunction with the WGA Annual Meeting in Whitefish, Montana. Meeting logistics are as follows:

- **Date/Time** – Monday, June 26 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. MT.
- **Location** – The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, Whitefish, Montana.
- **Registration** – Please indicate if you will be able to attend using [this link](#). We will be offering a call-in option for those unable to attend in person.

Apologies for the short notice. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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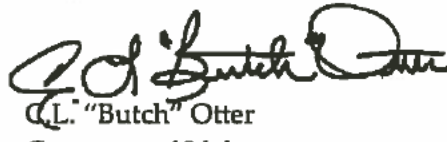
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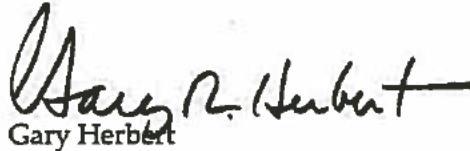
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AGENDA

Sage-Grouse Task Force Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2017

Ramsey Room, Lodge at Whitefish Lake

Whitefish, Montana

Conference Line: 1-800-704-9804, Code: 76852895#

10:00 a.m.	Welcome <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming – SGTF Co-Chairs</i>
10:15 a.m.	S.O. 3353: Coordination Between Interior Review Team & Task Force <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming – SGTF Co-Chairs</i>
11:15 a.m.	Additional Items Time reserved for additional topics.
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn



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adds Gov. of Utah to letter.
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Date: Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 2:22 PM

Subject: RE: Sage Grouse Task Force correspondence

To: Timothy Williams <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "kkelleh@blm.gov" <kkelleh@blm.gov>, "greg_sheehan@fws.gov" <greg_sheehan@fws.gov>

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Regards,

Zach

 From: Zach Bodhane

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:19 PM

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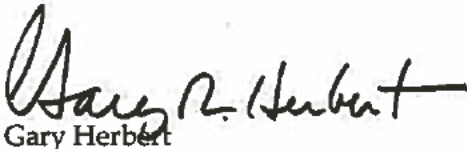
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Fwd: Summary of Scoping Communications Conference Call

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St George, Brian <bstgeorg@blm.gov>

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 5:08 PM

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State Directors,

Hopefully you've seen Tim's message regarding my new assignment supporting our sage-grouse/sage-brush steppe initiative. I plan to speak with each of you soon about your needs and vision of success. In the meantime, there's no point in me waiting to get to work.

Please see the note below from Don Smurthwaite summarizing yesterday's planning call on upcoming public scoping meetings. An important point for you all to be aware (if you aren't already), Departmental officials are planning to attend each scoping meeting. Cally Younger is working to coordinate our meeting schedule with their travel needs.

In the meantime, Don has the lead on developing common talking points and messages as outlined below. Each state will have the latitude to tailor additional information to your issues and needs. More to come! Please don't hesitate to call me directly if you need additional information.

Cheers

~ bsg

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All,

Thanks for your participation yesterday. Some good discussion, excellent insight, and I think we're all marching off in the same direction. Here's what I have as the decisions that came out of the call:

Purpose of Communication Efforts

We'll keep things simple, clear, focused. The materials will be designed to provide a high-level overview. Given the short deadlines and anticipated nature of the scoping meetings, a formal communication plan will not be developed.

Format of the Scoping Meeting

It will be left to the individual states to decide on the format (open house, formal presentation, or hybrid) that best suits its needs and purposes. However, it is encouraged that the meetings begin with an explanation of background and purpose. The primary

objectives of the scoping meetings are to explain the process and invite the public to comment. A PowerPoint, developed by the communication team leadership, will be available to help with that portion of the meeting. "Comment stations" are an option for meeting attendees who want to submit their thoughts at the scoping meetings.

Products/Materials

Communication team leadership will develop the PowerPoint, key messages, talking points, Q&As, and some of the boilerplate material -- how to comment, what makes a useful comment, where to send comments.

States will be responsible for maps, signs, sign-in sheets, key contact lists, public outreach and briefings to key constituents.

States also have the latitude to develop other materials to address specific needs.

Review of Materials

Communications team leadership will have a package within a week and send it out for a quick, "fatal flaw only" review. After comments are reconciled, the package will be given to Cally Younger, through SDs Tim Murphy and Mary Jo Rugwell, for WO/DOI approval. A new Google drive folder will be established so that the states can access the communication material, once approval has been obtained.

Other

A master list of scoping meeting dates, times and locations will be compiled and shared when completed.

No follow-up conference calls are scheduled.

I know we had more on the call than are listed in this email, so please feel free to share these notes with people I may have missed.

If I've overlooked any key points, let me know, and I'll send them in a separate email. Again, our thanks for your efforts over the next few weeks.

-- Don Smurthwaite



Shoop, Gregory <gshoop@blm.gov>

BLM National Lead for Greater Sage Grouse Planning

1 message

Murphy, Timothy <tmurphy@blm.gov>

Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 8:42 AM

To: BLM_ELT <blm_elt@blm.gov>, Joe Stout <j2stout@blm.gov>, Kathryn Stangl <kstangl@blm.gov>, Valori Armstrong <vaarmstrong@blm.gov>, Johanna Munson <jmunson@blm.gov>

Cc: Brian St George <bstgeorg@blm.gov>

We are pleased to announce that Brian St. George has accepted the assignment to serve as the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) National Lead for Greater Sage Grouse Planning. This is a high priority BLM project that requires extensive coordination with the Washington Office and multiple State Offices, as well as state agencies and other federal agencies. Brian will report to the two regional state director leads, Mary Joe Rugwell, Wyoming state director for the Rocky Mountain region and Tim Murphy, Idaho state director for the Great Basin Region.

Brian has been the Deputy State Director for Resources and Fire at the Colorado State Office since December 2015. He was Gunnison Field Manager and a branch chief for planning and NEPA prior to that. Brian's served in a number of detail assignments including as facilitator to the Field Committee and Deputy State Director for energy, lands and minerals. He has degrees in wildlife biology, public administration and conservation biology, and extensive experience building and maintaining the kind of partnerships that are the hallmark of our conservation efforts in sage-brush steppe landscapes.

Please join Mary Jo and me in thanking Brian for taking on this important leadership role.

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Idaho State Director
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Shoop, Gregory <gshoop@blm.gov>

Fwd: Draft Agenda for Oct. 23-24 SGTF Meeting

1 message

Armstrong, Valori (Lori) <vaarmstrong@blm.gov>

Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 11:28 AM

To: Edwin Roberson <eroberso@blm.gov>, Gabriella Torres <gktorres@blm.gov>, Gregory Shoop <gshoop@blm.gov>, "Harrison, Jamie" <jhamiso@blm.gov>, Jessica Camargo <jcamargo@blm.gov>, Joann Perea-Richmann <jperea-richmann@blm.gov>, Jon Raby <jraby@blm.gov>, Mary Jo Rugwell <mrugwell@blm.gov>, Abbie Jossie <ajossie@blm.gov>, Buddy Green <bwggreen@blm.gov>, Martin Griffith <mgriffith@blm.gov>, Michael Abel <mabel@blm.gov>, Sandra Leach <ssleach@blm.gov>, Brian St George <bstgeorg@blm.gov>, Bridget Clayton <bclayton@blm.gov>, Erica Husse <ehusse@blm.gov>, John Carlson <jccarlso@blm.gov>, Quincy Bahr <qfbahr@blm.gov>

Latest agenda for the SGTF meeting

Lori Armstrong

Sage Grouse Coordinator

Rocky Mountain Region

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From: Zach Bodhane <zbodhane@westgov.org>

Date: Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 11:19 AM

Subject: Draft Agenda for Oct. 23-24 SGTF Meeting

To: Zach Bodhane <zbodhane@westgov.org>

Cc: Troy Timmons <ttimmons@westgov.org>

Dear Sage Grouse Task Force Members:

A few housekeeping items prior to the upcoming October 23-24 SGTF meeting in Denver.

Draft Agenda

In advance of the upcoming meeting in Denver, please find a draft agenda attached. A final agenda will be distributed to all registered attendees by Friday (10/20) afternoon.

Meeting Registration

If you have not registered for the meeting but plan to attend, please take a moment to **RSVP through this link**. It only takes a few minutes and is incredibly helpful in our planning efforts.

Thank you,

Zach BodhanePolicy Advisor for Wildlife | [Western Governors' Association](#)

303.623.9378 | m: 303.915.8857

1600 Broadway, Suite 1700 | Denver, CO 80202

Save the Date: WGA Winter Meeting | December 1-2, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona

2 attachments

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AGENDA

Sage-Grouse Task Force Meeting

October 23-24, 2017

Western Governors' Association (5th Floor Conference Room)

1600 Broadway

Denver, Colorado

Conference Line: 1-800-704-9804, Code: 76852895#

12:00 p.m.	Welcome <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming – SGTF Co-Chairs</i>
12:15 p.m.	Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss progress on state outreach efforts and coordination with federal scoping period.
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	Policy Changes to Existing Plans <i>Karen Kelleher, BLM</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss potential policy changes and means of implementation under existing greater sage-grouse plans.
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn – Day 1
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Review of Day 1 <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming – SGTF Co-Chairs</i>
8:15 a.m.	Discussion: State/Federal Coordination <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming – SGTF Co-Chairs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of state/federal collaboration through the Task force and roundtable discussion on state efforts.
10:15 a.m.	On-the-Ground Coordination Across Jurisdiction Boundaries <i>Joe Tauge, BLM; Tim Griffiths; NRCS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation from federal agencies regarding ongoing conservation efforts and plans to align inter-agency investments in conservation.
10:45 a.m.	Break

11:00 a.m.	Next Steps <i>John Swartout, Colorado; Bob Budd, Wyoming – SGTF Co-Chairs; State Office Staff, BLM</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss next steps following conclusion of 45-day scoping period and state-by-state approach to plan amendment. • Future Task Force Meetings.
11:45 a.m.	Time Reserved for Additional Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Task Force Appointment Letters.
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Logistics: Sage Grouse Task Force – Oct. 23-24th Meeting

Date and Time

Monday, Oct. 23, 2017
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location

Western Governors' Association
(5th Floor Conference Room)
1600 Broadway
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: (303) 623-9378

Lodging

WGA has not reserved a room block for this meeting. There are two nearby hotels with rooms currently available at or near the gov't rate of \$178 per night. Information for the hotels is below.

We encourage you to make your reservation ASAP as we expect rates will be higher as we get closer to the meeting.

The ART Hotel
1201 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203
Phone: (303) 572-8000
(4 blocks from WGA office building)

Holiday Inn Express Denver Downtown
401 17th Street
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: (303) 296-0400
(2 blocks from WGA office building)

Transportation

SuperShuttle is available for transportation to/from the Denver Airport (DIA). The cost is \$25 one way. Prior reservations are required, and can be made [here](#). Uber is around \$35-40, and a taxi is \$65. You can also take the new A Train (\$9, has luggage racks) from DIA, which takes 37 minutes to deliver you to Union Station in Lower Downtown. You can cab or Uber from there for less than \$10.

WGA Logistical Coordinator

For any logistical concerns, please contact:
Deb Kinsley
Western Governors' Association
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Fwd: Secretary Zinke Letter - Master Leasing Plan

Attachments:

/1. Fwd: Secretary Zinke Letter - Master Leasing Plan/1.1 Zinke letter LPCEC 2017.docx

"Clementson, Connie" <cclementson@blm.gov>

From: "Clementson, Connie" <cclementson@blm.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 27 2017 10:34:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Wilson, Dana" <dmwilson@blm.gov>, Suzanne Mehlhoff <smehlhoff@blm.gov>, Steven Wells <s1wells@blm.gov>
CC: "Hall, Steven" <sbhall@blm.gov>, Shannon Borders <sborders@blm.gov>, "Jones, Erin" <erjones@blm.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Secretary Zinke Letter - Master Leasing Plan
Attachments: Zinke letter LPCEC 2017.docx

Just a heads up that this letter is being sent in response to a letter mailed to Sec Zinke from La Plata County supporting and MLP and the MLP process.

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From: **Christi Zeller** <cjzeller@charter.net>
Date: Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 10:15 AM
Subject: Secretary Zinke Letter - Master Leasing Plan
To: feedback@ios.doi.gov

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Attached please find a letter from the Energy Council located in Durango, Colorado requesting the cancellation of the Tres Rios Master Leasing Plan.

Christi Zeller

Executive Director

Energy Council

970-259-1301

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"Hall, Steven" <sbhall@blm.gov>

From: "Hall, Steven" <sbhall@blm.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 27 2017 10:39:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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CC:
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke Letter - Master Leasing Plan

Did they send a copy of this to media as well? It would help round out the spirited local debate on O&G if they did.

Steven Hall
BLM Colorado Communications Director
303.239.3672
sbhall@blm.gov

On Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 10:34 AM, Clementson, Connie <cclementson@blm.gov> wrote:

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October 27, 2017

Secretary Ryan Zinke Department of the Interior Via email: feedback@ios.doi.gov
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Re: La Plata County Letter emailed and dated October 12, 2017 – Master Leasing Plan

Dear Secretary Zinke:

The Energy Council is a non-profit trade organization that promotes safe and environmentally responsible natural gas development and CO₂ production in La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma and Dolores Counties in Colorado on fee, tribal and federal lands. Our thirty-four individual and company members work to build community relations, increase public understanding, and address public issues relative to the industry.

We, do not support the La Plata County Commissioner's letter dated October 12, 2017 that was emailed to you which supports the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Master Leasing Plan (MLP) for the country. In fact, we request that the Master Leasing Plan for the Tres Rios Filed office be rescinded.

Instructional Memorandum 2010-117 has specific criteria for MLP requirements and zero of the four criteria are present in the lands now under a Master Leasing Plan.

According to the Instruction Memorandum, the preparation of an MLP *is required when all four of the following criteria* are met:

- A substantial portion of the area to be analyzed in the MLP is not currently leased.
- There is a majority Federal mineral interest.
- The oil and gas industry has expressed a specific interest in leasing, and there is a moderate or high potential for oil and gas confirmed by the discovery of oil and gas in the general area.
- Additional analysis or information is needed to address likely resource or cumulative impacts if oil and gas development were to occur where there are:
 - multiple-use or natural/cultural resource conflicts;
 - impacts to air quality;
 - impacts on the resources or values of any unit of the National Park System, national wildlife refuge, or National Forest wilderness area, as
 - determined after consultation or coordination with the NPS, the FWS, or the FS; or
 - impacts on other specially designated areas.

A MLP may also be completed **under other circumstances at the discretion** of the Field Manager, District Manager, *or State Director*.

A non-profit trade organization promoting safe and responsible natural gas, oil and CO₂

PO Box 3833 Durango CO 81302 – Voice 970.382.6686 – www.EnergyCouncil.org

State Director Ruth Welch unilaterally used the discretion clause and put into place a MLP and the BLM made their announcement on December 18, 2016. This is the first time in the Nation that we know of where a State Director has placed lands into a Master Leasing Plan. The plan is to be developed and implemented in the region between Dolores and Durango, Colorado and funded sometime in June of 2018. The MLP will cost money and time for the BLM and industry and a delay to any federal lease sales until the MLP is completed, perhaps years from now.

I participated in a sub-group of the BLM Southwest Resource Advisory Council (SW RAC) researching elements of a Master Leasing Plan and our subgroup presented our comments to the full SW RAC in April of 2015. The SW RAC did not recommend a Master Leasing Plan. Historically, in a letter from Bureau of Land Management, Lori Armstrong, received August 16, 2013 and addressed to the La Plata County Commissioners: "Given the small amount of BLM managed surface and federal mineral interest, the lack of confirmed discovery of oil or gas, and the extremely limited number of federal leases or potential for development in this area, we found this area of western La Plata County is not a viable candidate at this time for a Master Leasing Plan."

During public meetings and public comments there was a highly organized and coordinated effort, with training for the public, to comment that they wanted a MLP. It was very evident during this public testimony that many of the hundreds of commenters had never read the Resource Management Plan that was released in February of 2015.

The Energy Council does not support the BLM moving forward with a Master Leasing Plan based on the following current legislation, policy, and protections:

- BLM RMP released February 2015
- Federal Lands Policy Act 1976
- Various BLM Final Environmental Impact Statements
- Appendix [R - BLM Master Leasing Plan Policy and Description of Leasing Analysis](#)
- Appendix [H - Oil and Gas Leasing Stipulations](#) found in the RMP

We respectfully ask that you rescind, or un-fund or cancel the arbitrary Master Leasing Plan for the Tres Rios Field office. Industry has always respected multiple use, but environmental activists and some elected officials have found a delay process for leasing federal minerals by calling for and getting Master Leasing Plans. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this input for your consideration and look forward to continuing leasing and production operations on BLM managed lands.

Sincerely,



Christi Zeller
Executive Director

C: Senator Cory Gardner - ann_mccoy-harold@gardner.senate.gov

C: Representative Scott Tipton - jose.alanis@mail.house.gov

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Department of the Interior Releases Energy Burdens Report

Steven Hall <sbhall@blm.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: Department of the Interior Releases Energy Burdens Report

FYI

Sent from my iPad

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Please see below the DOI Press Release that was distributed yesterday afternoon.



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**U.S. Department
of the Interior**

www.doi.gov

News Release

Date: October 25, 2017

Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Department of the Interior Releases Energy Burdens Report

Outlines Trump Administration's bold approach to achieving American energy dominance

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Interior released the "[Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy](#)" report which was produced in response to Executive Order 13783. The report identified agency actions that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources, with particular attention to oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy resources. Interior oversees America's oil, gas, coal, hydropower, and renewable energy resources produced on federal lands and waters, which account for almost one-fifth of the Nation's energy and generate on average \$10 billion per year in annual revenue. Today, Secretary Zinke also signed [Secretarial Order 3358](#), that will establish the Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting.

“Developing our energy resources to grow our economy and protecting the environment are

not mutually exclusive. However, while conducting the review outlined in the Executive Order, we found that several costly and burdensome regulations from the past threaten that balance by hampering the production or transmission of our domestic energy,” **said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke**. “Our public lands are meant to be managed for the benefit of the people. That means a multiple-use approach where appropriate and making sure that multiple-use includes energy development under reasonable regulations. Following President Trump’s leadership, Interior is fostering domestic energy production by streamlining permitting and revising and repealing Obama-era job killing regulations – all while doing so in an environmentally responsible way.”

“The federal government can and must be a better business partner,” **Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, said**. “Secretary Zinke’s bold approach to achieving American energy dominance is making our nation freer, more secure, and more prosperous. Regulations should not unnecessarily burden energy production, but that is what occurs in many cases. The recent actions outlined in this energy report show how Interior is rolling back some of these burdensome regulations that add little or no value, while promoting responsible energy development.”

The report identified a number of burdens that specifically impede the production and transportation of energy resources, including, but not limited to:

- **Obama-Era 5-Year Program** Under the last Administration, 94% of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) was put off-limits from leasing, having an adverse effect on jobs and energy dominance, while drastically reducing access to future revenue.
 - Trump Administration Action: [Secretarial Order 3350, America-First Offshore Energy Strategy](#) started the process of developing a new 5-Year Program to responsibly develop the OCS and generate much-needed revenue.
- **Federal Coal Leasing Moratorium (Secretarial Order 3338, Discretionary Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to Modernize the Federal Coal Program)** Nearly 40% of our nation’s coal comes from public lands. The 2016 coal moratorium undermines American energy security, inhibits job creation, and reduces revenues to state and local governments.
 - Action: [Secretarial Order 3348, Concerning the Federal Coal Moratorium](#) repealed the Obama-era moratorium on new federal coal leases.
- **Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands Rule** The compliance costs of the existing 2015 rule on hydraulic fracturing are not justified. All 32 states with federal oil and gas leases and some tribes currently have laws or regulations that address hydraulic fracturing operations.
 - Action: [Secretarial Order 3349: American Energy Independence](#) put the rule under review. The BLM published a rulemaking to rescind the rule on July 25th.
- **Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation AKA the Venting and Flaring Rule** The rule imposes a substantial burden on industry, especially for marginal well production in energy-rich states like New Mexico, particularly the requirements that are set to become effective on January 17, 2018.
 - Action: [Secretarial Order 3349: American Energy Independence](#) put the rules under review for subsequent action by the Department. On October 5, 2017, the BLM issued a proposed rule to temporarily suspend certain requirements of the rule. The BLM is also actively reviewing the underlying regulation for potential revision.
- **Unnecessarily lengthy NEPA reviews delay projects** The NEPA process has added extra time and analysis to project completion, which adds to uncertainty for industry and higher costs for taxpayers. This is particularly true for Departmental actions that

impact energy and infrastructure projects, such as resource management planning, permitting, and issuance of rights-of-way for pipeline projects and electricity transmission.

- Actions: The Department has identified a number of rules and regulations to revise or rescind such as the Master Leasing Plans, the NEPA Compliance for Oil and Gas Lease Reinstatement Petitions, and the Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plans. In addition, the Deputy Secretary issued an August memo setting a deadline of one year and limiting EIS statements to 150 pages or 300 pages for unusually complex projects.
- **Holding energy producers hostage via Compensatory Mitigation (Secretarial Order 3330)** Current compensatory mitigation policies have reduced predictability, created conflicts, and unnecessarily increased permitting/authorization timelines. Additionally, industry stakeholders believe the mitigation planning goal exceeds statutory authority. Currently, Interior and its bureaus lack a consistent terminology and framework for mitigation.
 - Action: [Secretarial Order 3349: American Energy Independence](#) reexamined the use of mitigation policies and practices in order to better balance conservation strategies and job creation. Bureaus at the Interior will review various handbooks and manuals on the use of mitigation for energy and infrastructure projects.
- **Systematic delays in the leasing program and permitting process** The long period from when acreage is first nominated to when those acres are offered at a lease sale, as well as delays between the lease sale date and when leases are awarded reduces industry certainty and hinders states from receiving their share of lease sale revenues. These delays have rendered industry less able to plan for and execute exploration and production strategies in a timely fashion, and less able to respond effectively to changing market conditions.
 - Action: [Secretarial Order 3354 Supporting and Improving the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Federal Solid Mineral Leasing Program](#). Secretarial Order 3358 to form a permit expediting committee. In January 2017 there were 92 vacancies in key positions related to the permitting process. Since that time this administration has filled nearly half of those positions. The BLM is also modernizing the software used to track and coordinate permitting while seeking to add regional teams that will be able to greatly streamline the permitting process. So far this year the BLM has decreased their processing time for APDs by an average of 46 days.
- **Endangered Species Act** The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is taken into consideration for both on- and offshore energy and infrastructure projects. It has far-reaching negative impacts on energy production and transmission as well as on critical infrastructure projects. ESA abuses have led to increased costs and delays on projects.
 - Action: [Secretarial Order 3353: Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States](#) Work with the Western Governors Association and other local partners to develop recommendations to improve the application of the ESA. Launch a review of ESA regulations and policy documents regarding outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, and inconsistently aligned with Executive and Secretarial Orders.

The report also detailed extensive action taken to advance American Energy Dominance at the Department of the Interior, including, but not limited to:

- [Secretarial Order 3351: Strengthening the Department of the Interior's Energy Portfolio](#)
- [Secretarial Order 3352: National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska](#)
- [Secretarial Order 3353: Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States](#)
- Reestablishing the Royalty Policy Committee to ensure the public continues to receive

the full value of energy produced on federal lands.

- Review, repeal, and rewriting of the following rules: the BSEE Well Control and BOP Rules, the ONRR Valuation Rule, and the OSMRE Stream Protection Rule.

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Conversation Contents

BLM Looks to Streamline and Improve

"Nedd, Michael" <mnedd@blm.gov>

From: "Nedd, Michael" <mnedd@blm.gov>
Sent: Mon May 08 2017 10:40:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Michael Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov>
BCC: blm_all_employees@blm.gov
Subject: BLM Looks to Streamline and Improve

To all BLM Employees,

How many times have you thought, “why do we do that” or “we could do this better”?

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has directed each Executive Branch Department to develop a plan to enhance efficiency by leveraging technology, streamlining processes, considering other serviced delivery models and leveraging existing requirements. Additionally, each Department is required to identify which functions their agencies perform that are not core to their mission, are redundant with other organizations or can be restructured.

This is a priority initiative across the Federal Government and work will progress quickly over the next several months.

I have has established a Reform Team currently led by Jamie Connell, Oregon/Washington State Director with help from Tim Murphy, State Director, Idaho; Janine Velasco, Assistant Director Business, Fiscal and Information Resources Management; Jody Hudson, Assistant Director, Human Capital Management; and Aden Seidlitz, Associate State Director, New Mexico.

The Reform Team will review the BLM’s current alignment of functions and identify gaps where resources may need to be redirected; reevaluate past studies of zoning and regionalization and other streamlining and efficiency efforts, to determine how the BLM can best move forward with pursuing further streamlining; and identify opportunities to delegate authority further down in the organization. The Reform Team will also evaluate options for organizational consolidations within BLM and consider areas of improvement already under review by the Business Management Council and the Field Committee. Finally, the Reform Team will consider whether functional realignments involving agencies outside the BLM could streamline mission delivery and improve customer service.

One important aspect of the initial efforts of the BLM’s Reform Team is documenting the work the BLM has already done, or is doing, to streamline and improve business processes, including regionalizing the Law Enforcement program, zoning of some energy, minerals and lands functions, implementing regional planning for Sage Grouse, centralizing the IT support function and modernizing the BLM’s hiring process (on-going).

Now, how can you help and what about those good ideas?

First and foremost, I want to thank you for being a part of the BLM family and encourage you to

keep working on the highest priorities. Second, offer up your creative and innovative ideas. This is a unique opportunity for the BLM to “think big” and to challenge the status quo. Your input will make a difference! The Reform Team has an email box that is ready to accept ideas: blm_wo_workingsmarter@blm.gov. They will catalog the feedback received and determine how best to build them into the approach for moving forward. Stay tuned to the BLM Daily for periodic updates.

Take care and have a wonderful day! :)

Michael D. Nedd

Bureau of Land Management,

Acting Director

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A thought to consider "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can!"



Wells, Steven <s1wells@blm.gov>

Thank You

1 message

Michael Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov>

Sat, Jun 17, 2017 at 10:53 AM

To: blm_wo_300_It@blm.gov

Cc: John Ruhs <jruhs@blm.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, Peter Mali <pmali@blm.gov>

Tim and team,

We are making steady progress towards Making America Safe through Energy Independence. I realize you and your team are major "movers and shakers" in this effort and do appreciate your "gither done" attitude.

I also know that there are many on-going initiatives (Rules - HF, OOs, and V&F; Policies - MLPs, Leasing Reform; Coal Streamlining; Hardrock Minerals Study, 368 Coordinator Study, Major ROWs, Modernizing IT Systems and many more) to remove roadblocks, unnecessary burdens and set us on a firm track towards achieving energy independence.

Thanks to you and your team for the tremendous and on-going work.

Take care and have wonderful day! :-)))

MDN 202-208-3801

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Sent from my mobile device, please excuse any typos.

FOIA Search Certification & Fee Table

I certify the following regarding FOIA # CO-18-007/ 2018-00122 Saeger

Please check all that apply & complete foreseeable harm portion if you have identified sensitive records.

- ☒ 1. I have reason to believe that the documents transmitted with this certification constitute all documents within the possession or control of the staff in this office.
- ☐ 2. My office has found no responsive records.
- ☐ 3. I have determined that none of the records that have been produced are sensitive.
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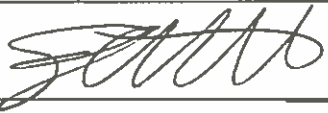
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