

1. Status of COT report –
Has been delayed due to Dan's illness, tentatively should be released on Monday, March 25.
2. Status of Bi-State –
Recommendation will be made to Dan by Ren by mid-April, no final decision yet. Jesse will post a climate change paper for CA birds on the sharepoint. The paper indicates that sage-grouse is at highest risk for climate change impacts in CA.
3. BLM review process –
 - BLM will develop process for us to follow for review, but the deadlines on the RMP for Rocky Mountain may preclude that.
 - At DEIS stage – review the alternatives and identify what works for grouse and what doesn't in each alternative.
 - Will have the opportunity to provide in depth comments during public comment period
 - WA is working as a cooperating agency – developing MOU with BLM on the revision in WA (which is not part of the larger effort)
 - UT and NV PPH maps are inconsistent with state efforts – no resolution yet.
 - Federal Family meeting notes are posted on the sharepoint
4. Travel management prioritization exercise – see Pat's e-mail from last week; Map was provided for reference only;
 - **due to Jesse D'Elia by March 29.**
5. State plan updates:
 - WY continues to work through details of implementation of their plan; could be a template for other states
 - MT – has identified a Council to develop a strategy; little information currently available, but are looking for support from FWS
 - SD – developing a plan, but we have not received any information or been involved
 - CO – no plan, but an update of actions
 - UT – asked for letter, we still have concerns
 - WA – Ken Berg met with state – will do an update to the recovery plan, but not at field level yet. FWS is proposing to be a co-lead on that plan
 - ID – has received a letter for concurrence on their state plan; our folks are working closely with the State on this. ID looking for relief from the BLM interim IM
6. Round the lek –
 - Lara is developing a literature database that will eventually
 - USGS developing a list of science priorities – can we get involved in this effort? Pat will check with Carol Schuler on how we can participate
 - Checklist for review of DEIS – Jeff is developing table based off COT report – id threats and conservation objectives – he will send to Jesse and Pat
 - Jeff Berglund met with BLM regarding development of effects indicators to examine impacts of actions on sage-grouse – but DEIS are out, so these will be changing – so Jeff will meet with all the BLM offices to look at how things are changing
 - Lynn – working on the CNOR;
 - Jason – Large scale juniper removal – 500K acres – another effort to re-establish nesting habitat.
 - Messaging on NTT and COT – check sharepoint
 - Jessie G. – Sage-Grouse Initiative biologist for NRCS leaving – will be a job opening in WA!
7. Next call april 18 at 2:00 p.m. MDT

