

Attendees:

Kathy Hollar	Jason Pyron	Alex Schubert	Kate Norman	Kevin Shelley
Jeff Everett	Katie Powell	Jeff Berglund	Lynn Gemlo	Lara Juilisson
Lee Corum	Jay Martini	Jessie Gonzales	Kevin Doherty	

Agenda:

1. Welcome new faces – Lief Wiechman in Cheyenne, Dawn Davis in Portland – technical experts. Other positions have either not been hired, or have not yet formally accepted. Will advise as positions are filled.
2. Update on BLM/FS planning efforts
 - Moving from DEIS to FEIS – some very short turnaround times - don't be afraid to push back, or at least inform them that the review may not be as quality as it could be.
 - Feel free to provide comments in writing; maintain a good administrative record – need to be transparent and based on science
 - National items not resolved – being acted on at leadership level. Concern is that if these are not finished not certain how BLM can move to final plans that meet our certainty
 - Kevin D. suggested using Endnote – citation software - costs about \$200 for individual licenses.
 - Also can use the sharepoint site to store comments.
 - Literature review request – you may get a request to review literature from BLM. If you have time to engage only do so where that informs decisions needed to get to the final proposed alternative - NOT to find literature post-decision to support that decision. You should determine your capability dependent on your workload. If you are receiving BLM funding, and this meets the criteria above, you should provide assistance.
3. Update on status review process
 - a. Meeting last week with USGS and all 3 regions to discuss how to move this forward. We have a year to complete the status review and need to start focusing on this topic.
 - b. Plethora of teams – we are being very cognizant of workload and sensitive to the skills within the agency that don't work on sage-grouse
 - c. The process is tentative, and will be briefing the regional directors tomorrow morning. Based on their feedback before we move this forward.
 - d. Working on determining how we can calculate discreteness relative to the DPS – trying to develop a template so that we are determining discreteness consistently across the range. No intent to identify discreteness at this time, but if find areas of interest as we move through the status review we are prepared to examine the potential
 - e. Are not developing criteria for significance at this time.
 - f. Kate has developed a sharepoint site for listing that is open for folks to look at, but not yet have access for manipulation. That will change as we begin moving forward on our process.

Next call May 16th, 2:00 mountain.