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Subject: MEETING Friday - Please Read

Good Evening,

I will be sending a number of items to you tonight, in hopes you can review them somewhat before our meeting Friday. I will send the following items:

1. Recommendations for definitions of "suitable habitat"
2. Recommendations for mining stipulations from the subgroup
3. My DRAFT of stipulations for ALL activities, including specifics for various activities. This is meant mainly to show how these will likely be incorporated into a single document - it will NOT be complete, and is meant for discussion, no decision at this time.
4. Two dissenting points of view on the Rawlins LWG recommendations from Barbara Parsons

I would also like you to know how the meeting on Friday will proceed. The agenda will be as follows:

A. INTRODUCTIONS - WELCOME

B. THOUGHTS FROM THE SGIT

C. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 minutes maximum each)

D. MAPPING - We will review the recommendations of the LWGs and make decisions where we can on FINAL boundaries. This is a critical part of our work, and it won't be easy. It is my observation after sitting in on 8 of the 11 meetings to date that the local groups have done a stellar job of analyzing this issue. It would also be my observation that some of them have "over-reached" in their recommendations to add core, and at the same time, re-analyzed to a fault. I will share my thoughts with you as we go, but in general, this has been a highly valuable, highly credible effort to do the right thing for Sage-grouse and our state. The order of discussion will be as follows:

1. Wind River LWG (final recommendations)
2. Big Horn Basin LWG (final recommendations)
3. Casper/Bates Hole LWG (final recommendations)
4. Southwest LWG (first review)
5. Rawlins LWG (first review)

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6. NE LWG (first review) - the key issue here is connectivity

7. Pinedale LWG (final review) - the issue here is winter habitat

Clearly, if you agree with the recommendations of the three groups under first review, it will be the final. However, they all deserve the chance to look at your comments one more time, and they have scheduled meetings to do that, if necessary. I have left the Pinedale group for last because they have chosen not to meet after your comments back to them.

E. Stipulations - I doubt we will get here, but would love to see it happen.

F. Other recommendations - I would like a group of volunteers to address research, funding, and other needs before our next meeting.

G. FINAL COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

H. FINAL COMMENTS FROM SGIT

I will open each LWG mapping exercise with the overview, and allow 5 minute comments from anyone in that LWG who wishes to speak. I WILL cut them off at 5 minutes. After that, as the SGIT works the maps, comments will be allowed ONLY if someone on the SGIT would like to have clarification on an issue.

Finally, we will need two more meetings before we are done. I would propose those meetings be set now for June 15 in a central location, and June 28/29 in Cheyenne. I would like you all to be able to be present when the recommendations are delivered to Governor Freudenthal. I will work with Ryan to see if the 28/29 date will work for the Governor.

Thank you so much for your efforts. You are a great group to work with!

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