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To: Field Managers, Nevada

From: Ron Wenker
State Director, Nevada

Subject: State Fish, Wildlife, Botany, and Threatened and Endangered Species Program Meeting

Several years have passed since the last program meeting. A lot has changed in the Fish, Wildlife, Botany and Threatened and Endangered Species programs in recent years, new employees, new issues, etc. Several Field Offices have requested guidance on issues ranging from Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Wind Energy, Section 7 Consultation, and implementation of State Wildlife Strategies or Plans.

Washington office's recently issued IM 2006-114 State Wildlife Action Plans direct the BLM to consider State Wildlife Action Plans in land use and conservation planning on BLM-Administered Lands. This Program meeting provides an excellent opportunity to deliver consistent direction and guidance on where the Fish, Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species and Plant Conservation program is headed. Additional benefits will come in the form of information sharing and networking.

We have scheduled the Fish, Wildlife, Botany, and Threatened and Endangered Species Program Meeting for May 15-17, 2007 in Reno Nevada. This years meeting will be at the Meadow Wood Courtyard located at 5851 South Virginia Street 775 -829-4600. A block of rooms will be held under BLM5 until 4 pm May 4, 2007.

The target audiences are all Nevada biologists, botanists, and natural resource specialists working in the Fish, Wildlife, Botany and T&E program, Associate Field managers for Renewable, as well as any Field Managers. Please see the attached proposed attendees list.

Please contact Elroy Masters, Program Lead for Fish, Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species at 775-861-6626 or by email via lotus notes if you have any questions.

Signed By:
Ron Wenker
State Director, Nevada

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Attachments:

1. Program Meeting Agenda ()
2. Attendance list

Proposed Participant List:

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| 1. Kathryn Fuell | Supervisor NRS | Elko Field Office |
| 2. Carol Evans | Fishery Biologist | |
| 3. Pat Coffin | Fishery Biologist | |
| 4. Ken Wilkinson | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 5. Nancy Burton | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 6. Paul Podborny | Wildlife Biologist | Ely Field Office |
| 7. Alicia Styles | Wildlife Biologist | Caliente Field Station |
| 8. Rita Suminski | Lead Wildlife | Carson City Field Office |
| 9. John Axtell | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 10. Dean Tonenna | Botanist | |
| 11. Duane Crimmins | Lead Wildlife Bio | Battle Mountain Field Office |
| 12. Mike Stamm | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 13. Doug Furtado | Assistant FM | |
| 14. Bryson Code | Wildlife Biologist | Tonopah Field Station |
| 15. Valerie Metscher | Tonopah Field Station | |
| 16. Glen Blair | Supervisory | Winnemucca Field Office |
| 17. Ken Detweiler | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 18. Clarence Covert | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 19. Greg Lynch | Fishery Biologist | |
| 20. Carrie Ronning | MSHCP Coord | Las Vegas Field Office NV |
| 21. Marc Maynard | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 22. Mark Slaughter | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 23. Scot Franklin | Wildlife Biologist | |
| 24. Christina Lund | Botanist | |
| 25. Gayle Marr Smith | Botanist | |
| 26. Steve Lydick | Wildlife Biologist | WO230 |

I only anticipate 23 participants traveling to the meeting. Several will be in the local commuting area.

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May 14	Travel Day	
May 15		
Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00- 8:20	House Keeping/ Introductions/ Review Agenda	Elroy Masters
8:20- 9:00	Welcome and Perspective for the Fish Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species, and Plant Conservations Programs.	Amy Lueders Associated State Director
9:00- 9:30	NV930 Perspective, Healthy Land Initiative HLI, Review goals objectives	Joe Tague DSD/Branch Chief and Elroy Masters, Program Lead
9:30 Break		
9:45	Land Use Planning Decisions	Brian Amme/Elroy Masters
10:30	State Action Plan Wildlife	Larry Neel/ Elroy Masters
11:30	Lunch	
12:30	Migratory Birds (Discussion)	Elroy Masters
1:30	Budget (Reporting) WO Directives	Brian Amme NVS0
2:00	Break	
2:15	Budget (Continues)	
4:30	Adjourn	

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May 16		
Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00	Agreements and Contracts	Susan Kaller, Kenda Tucker NVSO
9:00	Section 7 Consultations - (Programmatic Appended approach Discussion) - Making affects Calls, - Determining appropriate species list for consultation, - When to contact FWS?	Elroy Masters Steve Lydick Presentation Carrie Ronning
9:30 Break		
9:45	Section 7 Continue	
10:45	BLM Sensitive Species	Elroy/ Steve Lydick
1130	Lunch	
12:30	Priority Species for Monitoring (WO AWP) Direction	All
1:30	Field Office Reports : Program Issues/Concerns - Summary of Office Emphasis - Status of Meeting AWP Priorities - Other Items of interest 20 Minutes Each	All
2:00	Break	
3:45	Finish up Reports	
4:30	Adjourn	

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May 17		
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8:00	Data Management (GIS/ Monitoring)	Elroy Masters
9:00	Nevada Natural Heritage Presentation	Glen Clemmer
9:30 Break	15 minutes	
10:15	NDOW MOU Discussion- Review Supplemental Transplants- Who doing NEPA – Recommend Changes to MOU Supplements dealing with Transplants Augmentations.	All
1130	Lunch	
12:30	Energy Protocol (Wind Energy)	All
2:00	Break	
2:15	Draft Nevada’s Program of Work for FY2008-2011 for Fish Wildlife T&E and Plant Conservation	All
4:00	Adjourn	
5:00 – 9:00	Reminder GBBO Celebration: at the NV Museum of Art	
May 18 th		
8:30 – noon	Great Basin Bird Observatory – Optional Workshop on GIS application of the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Nevada. NVSO Great basin Room	