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To: All District Managers
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection
Subject: Draft National Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy

The National Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy was transmitted to all State Directors and Field Offices through Information Bulletin (IB) No. 2003-109 on July 10, 2003, with directions to review and comment. State BLM offices are further directed to consolidate all comments into a single state response and forward to the Washington Office (WO-230) by August 20, 2003, or earlier.

Please distribute that IB to appropriate staff with the following schedule for review and comment:

Oregon State Consolidated Response to WO	August 15, 2003
Comments to Oregon State Office	August 11, 2003
Question and Answer Meeting (Burns)	August 6, 2003

Hugh Barrett and George Buckner were members of the interdisciplinary team that drafted the strategy and will be available in Burns on August 6, beginning at 10:00 a.m. for a question and answer session prior to submitting the Oregon response. Interested staff should RSVP to Hugh (503-808-6051) or George (503-808-6382) concerning attendance.

Consolidated district responses should be forwarded to George Buckner or Hugh Barrett in the State Office (OR-931).

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this IB and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

Signed by
/s/ Nancy M. Diaz

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