

2009 Lek Survey Coordination Effort information/instructions:

Welcome! Thank you for participating in this effort to reduce unnecessary visits to greater sage-grouse leks in the Powder River Basin. To submit survey results, send them in an email to Bill_Ostheimer@blm.gov and Courtney_Frost@blm.gov (don't forget the underscore (_))

- 1) The posted results are meant to reduce lek visits, they are not meant to replace any reporting to Wyoming Game and Fish.
- 2) We will post results on the Survey Results.xls file. Surveys and counts should follow the accepted protocols which can be found on our wildlife web page: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Buffalo.html
- 3) On our website there are three excel files listed under lek survey coordination: 2009 Lek Survey Coordination.xls, Undetermined Leks.xls, Survey Results.xls

2009 Lek Survey Coordination.xls has all the leks listed and separated by tabs. This file is informational only.

Undetermined Leks.xls has leks that Wyoming Game and Fish has identified as needing another survey season or two before they can be classified as abandoned. These leks may or may not be within 2 miles of a Coalbed Natural Gas Plan of Development. There is no BLM requirement that these leks be surveyed unless they are within 2-miles of a Plan of Development.

Survey Results.xls is the file we will update when results come in, and the one you should check if you are curious about the status of a lek.

- 4) Some of the leks should be counted for Wyoming Game and Fish and those are identified in Survey Results.xls. If you have one of these leks, or count other leks, please make sure you provide Game and Fish with your results. We are not collecting information for Game and Fish.
- 5) In order to post in a timely manner, the Survey Results.xls file will not initially contain all the information you submit. We will add all the data to it after the survey season.

THANKS AGAIN!!

Questions? Call Bill at 307.684.1117, or Courtney at 307.684.1143