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RE: Request for follow-up regarding Actionable Items presented in February 23, 2011 Wildlife Planning Meeting

Dear Mr. Smith:

During the February Wildlife Planning Meeting, the Pinedale Field Office committed to following up with Wyoming Game and Fish regarding several actionable items. Our specific requests are summarized below.

1. We would like to discuss with you your ideas and suggestions for extending monitoring of mule deer habitat conditions out of the immediate Mesa area. The purpose of this monitoring would be to identify opportunities and attempt to learn more about how other parts of the Mesa mule deer range may be affecting body conditions and to identify where future habitat improvements could be most effective.
2. We request that you review the current reclamation seed mix and provide BLM with a list of reclamation species which could be added or substituted for existing seeding mix for reclamation of disturbance on the Anticline.
3. We would like to receive recommendations and rationale from your office regarding where priority emphasis for enhanced reclamation (i.e. direct planting of container raised browse species, and other measures you think may speed recovery of or enhance use of habitat) or other treatments targeting the preservation of key late winter sagebrush habitats could be instituted on the Anticline to benefit wintering mule deer.
4. We would like to receive suggestions from you identifying in priority order, unfragmented blocks of mule deer winter and transitional ranges which may benefit from management emphasis for mule deer habitat and habitat improvement.

5. We would like to discuss opportunities for coordinated habitat condition monitoring of transitional ranges to maximize efficiency and minimize overlapping monitoring efforts of our respective staffs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request. I can be reached at (307) 367-5302.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shane DeForest

Shane DeForest
Field Manager

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