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To: Boise, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls District Managers, State Office Program Leads

From: Deputy State Director for Resources

Subject: Interim Framework for Evaluating Proposed Activities Within Greater Sage-Grouse (GSG) Preliminary Priority and Preliminary General Habitats on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Land in Idaho

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide the attached interim framework document for use when considering new proposals within GSG Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH) and Preliminary General Habitat (PGH) on BLM land in Idaho.

This IB supplements Washington Office Instruction Memorandum (IM) 2012-043 Greater Sage-Grouse Interim Management Policies and Procedures. Since the completion of mapping GSG PPH and PGH for public lands in Idaho and implementation of the aforementioned IM, field offices and the Idaho State Office have faced challenges in consistently evaluating the appropriateness of various land-use or activity proposals potentially affecting PPH or PGH. The attached interim framework provides a consistent process, employing a suite of considerations that the field should address when considering whether to further process newly proposed authorizations, renewals or other activities in PPH or PGH, to ensure compliance with IM 2012-043 while land use plans are being amended under the GSG strategy. Additional considerations can also be incorporated into the framework by the field as determined locally. The framework is especially relevant to new proposals or renewals relative to lands, realty and minerals-related activities, but it may also be useful in evaluating other proposed activities as well.

If you have questions regarding this IB or accompanying attachment, please contact Paul Makela, Wildlife Biologist, at (208) 373-3809 or via email at pmakela@blm.gov.

1 Attachment:

1 - [Interim Framework for Evaluating Proposed Activities within Greater Sage-Grouse Preliminary Priority and Preliminary General Habitats on BLM Lands in Idaho](#)

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