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To: Al Pfister/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS, Terry Ireland/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS
cc:
Subject: Fw: Gunnison Sage Grouse

Here's the latest email I sent Mary to forward to Beth Stevens, but w/o the petition attached.

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To: Mary Henry/R6/FWS/DOI

cc: Julie Lyke/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS, Jill Parker/R6/FWS/DOI

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Mary,

I believe Julie MacDonald means Sara Oyler-McCance rather than Sue Haig. Sara is with USGS and did the genetics work that, along with morphological differences and geographic separation, convinced the scientific community, including the American Ornithologists Union, that it was a different species. Her work is summarized on the USGS website at <http://www.mesc.usgs.gov/resources/spotlight/grouse/grouse.asp>. We are not aware that any Service dollars funded that work, but I'm still looking into it.

Attached is the petition, which includes citations, that Julie requested. We provided USGS with \$10,000 in 2002 to do a study on genetic differences among the Gunnison sage-grouse populations to help guide management decisions related to corridors connecting the populations. It's either in press or just published in the Journal of Wildlife Management. No SSP or QRP funds have been directed toward sage-grouse genetic work from this region, but Sara and others published a recent article on greater sage-grouse genetics that addressed birds in Washington. I'm assuming Terry Rabot will respond about the status of the western Washington petition.

We have a number of sage-grouse genetics and taxonomy publications, which I can provide or summarize in a briefing paper.

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To mary_henry@fws.gov, Julie Lyke/R6/FWS/DOI@FWS
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cc Nolin/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS,
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Julie explained at the ESA 1:00 that she has received 3 separate calls, 1 from a Governor's office, that the FWS is preparing to propose the Gunnison as endangered....

she wants to know if we are funding Gunnison genetics ...

also - she wants to know where we are on Western Wash sage grouse petition...

she will want a briefing on all sage grouse and what we have on genetics for each...

----- Forwarded by Elizabeth Stevens/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI on 07/19/2005 02:13 PM -----

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To Theresa Rabot, Marjorie Nelson
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----- Forwarded by Elizabeth Stevens/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI on 07/19/2005 11:43 AM -----

Julie
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To Elizabeth Stevens/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS
cc
Subject Gunnison Sage Grouse

I understand that Sue Haig has been and continues to do genetic work on the Gunnison sage grouse, could you get me either a contact person, or information on what we have that she has done in addition to information on any work FWS has currently underway with her.

Also, could I please get a copy of the Gunnison sage grouse petition to list as well as the cites for the petition, and our draft petition finding.