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Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership

June 29, 2012

9:00 – 11:00 am

**Portland State University
Meyer Memorial Room, 710
506 SW Mill Street**

*** For those who will be calling in:**

Conference Call-in Number: 1-866-906-9888

Participant Code: 2840618

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Meeting purpose: To organize stakeholder involvement in the development of a *unified all-threats, all-lands approach* to sage grouse conservation in Eastern Oregon. The proposed Oregon Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership (the “SageCon Partnership”) will coordinate federal, state and local efforts (current and projected) to address the multiple threats to sage grouse across the Eastern Oregon sagebrush landscape in anticipation of the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) review of the bird’s “Warranted But Precluded” status under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) (listing decision and critical habitat proposal due in September 2014).

Overarching Goal: By January 2014, the SageCon Partnership will present USFWS with a *unified all-lands and all-threats approach to sage grouse conservation* in Oregon.

Conveners:

Brett Brownscombe, Governor’s Natural Resources Office
Mike Haske, BLM Deputy State Director
Ron Alvarado, Natural Resources Conservation Service

DRAFT Agenda

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| Welcome, Introductions & Agenda Review | 10 minutes |
| An Oregon Solution: Partners to address the issues and threats, identify opportunities, and leverage resources in a unified “ <i>all threats/all lands</i> ” approach | 10 minutes |
| • <i>Richard Whitman /Brett Brownscombe</i> | |
| The Partnership’s connection to the 10 year energy strategy | 10 minutes |
| • <i>Richard Whitman</i> | |

**CURRENT STATUS:
SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

- ODFW Conservation Strategy and LITs
 - *Roy Elicker, Bob Hooton* *10 minutes*

- BLM National Sage Grouse Planning Strategy *10 minutes*
 - *OR/WA sage-grouse strategy & timeline*
 - *Mike Haske*

- NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative *10 minutes*
 - *Bill White*

- Candidate Conservation Agreements, CCA with Assurances *10 minutes*
 - *Status*
 - *BLM – Glenn Frederick*

SAGE CON: PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, PROCESS

- Overview of Proposed Process: Timeline *10 minutes*
 - *Declaration of Cooperation*
 - *Turner Odell, Pete Dalke – OS staff*

- Discussion: Unifying an All Threats, All Lands approach *30 minutes*

- Next Steps *10 minutes*

- Adjourn

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