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To: Saltman, Tamara; McCabe, Janet
Subject: RE: summary of interagency NGS meeting
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Tamara –

Excellent summary of yesterday's meeting. I think you accurately captured all the high points, with the possible addition of the EIS schedule showing completion in December, 2017. (A long way out there).

I would be happy to provide input/comment when you start working on the "what IS the roadmap?" project. Let me know how I can be helpful.

Tom

From: Saltman, Tamara
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Janet and Tom,

Here is a summary of the key points from the meeting. Tom, if you have anything to add please chime in. We only got one deliverable, which we should make sure we talk about sometime in early Jan; I'll try to get something on calendars. February is a big month for public outreach. And there is a new federal clean energy on tribal lands group we should pay attention to.

BART

- Region 9 has gotten a request to extend the comment period on the BART proposal (this would be the 4th extension – the proposal went out in Jan 2013) from the White Mountain Apache Tribe. ([redacted].)
- Letty and David Palumbo plan to meet with the Hopi Tribe, including the new Chairman, in January, to continue the fence-mending process. DOI has every intention of supporting clean energy development at Hopi too (they aren't identified as receiving it in the TWG agreement), and is willing to enter into an agreement to that effect if needed.
- We will be receiving a joint comment from all TWG Agreement signatories (presumably supporting the TWG alternative). We may also receive individual comments from signatories on what they would like us to do in case we don't finalize the TWG agreement version of BART.
- DOI is going to share with stakeholders and the public their analysis of the environmental impacts of the TWG to counter the public perception that the TWG agreement is worse for

the environment than the 3 SCRS in 2021-2023 [redacted]

- Carbon reduction goal planning from the TWG is coming in early 2014 (to meet that part of DOI's TWG commitments).
- [redacted]

NREL Phase 2

- Had a long staff meeting on this earlier this week; will be getting more specifics on what the analysis will entail in January. (FYI, this is needed to help us figure out what part we are contributing $ to so that I can process the paperwork. I think we have a vehicle to get funding directly to NREL)
- DOI/NREL will put NREL Phase 2 scope of work out for stakeholder comment in February
- **This is our only to do item**: There was some discussion about what the "roadmap" we committed to having public input to in the Joint Statement last year should be. We all agree it's not NREL Phase 2 or the TWG agreement; but need to be able to explain what it IS. I agreed to work with David Palumbo and Steve Lindenberg to draft a definition for the workgroup to react to. We hope to get this agreed to by everyone before the February outreach.

EIS

- Public EIS process will start in February. DOI will give us all a heads up ahead of time and send us their working schedule on the EIS.

There are 2 new clean energy on tribal land groups, one of feds and one of not-feds+NREL

- Secretary Jewell and Secretary Moniz (apparently after a conversation with Administrator McCarthy and Secretary Vilsack) have formed a tribal energy subgroup of the [I think a WH group on Tribal issues but didn't apparently write down the name]. The goal is to support clean energy for Tribes, and they intend to focus first on AZ. They are planning to invite us and Agriculture to join the subgroup. We'll need to figure out what that might entail and how to participate.
- There is a group of environmental (EDF, WRA, Grand Canyon Trust), educational (NAU), and power organizations (Western Area Power Administration) and NREL also getting together to develop a strategy for how they think DOI should implement all its TWG commitments to encourage clean power. They may go broader than that too – it's not clear. And to my knowledge this group doesn't have a name yet. Also, Tracy LeBeau from DOE is now detailed to WAPA

Tamara