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Comments:

1) Create GIS maps overlaying proposed habitat map over existing habitat map for each state to show where the reduction in priority and/or focus area habitat occurs. This will make it much easier for the public to see where the changes have been made. Include a narrative for each state to explain the reason for the reductions. For example...original map had areas with forest coverage ...not GrSG habitat.

2) Explain why the requirement for consensus between GrSG experts from USFS, state wildlife agencies and USFWS was removed in the proposed plan for any exceptions to stipulations on surface disturbance. As written it sounds like USFS will make the decision independent of any opinions of experts from the other agencies.

3) For the habitat bank for state's compensatory mitigation, is the check list item about "sufficient water" include restriction against separating the supporting water right from the land?

4) Alter focus of plan from preventing loss of habitat to goal of net conservation gain. Otherwise, we will be supporting the gradual demise of the species.