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**MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM TECHNICAL TEAM AND THE**  
**SCIENCE WORK GROUP**

**Wednesday October 23, 2013 1:30 p.m.**  
**Desert Research Institute Campus**  
**2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89512**  
**Conference Center Room Stout A**

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**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Round table self-introductions.

**2. FINALIZE THE ORDER IN WHICH THE SWG WILL ADDRESS THE THREATS TO GREATER SAGE-GROUSE.**

The order developed during the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be discussed and finalized.

**3. DISCUSSION OF CUMULATIVE IMPACTS AND GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION.**

At the October 10th Council meeting, the SETT was directed to discuss the concepts listed below with the Science Work Group, based on relevant scientific literature: "Cumulative impacts" here refers to the potential additive or synergistic effects of multiple disturbances to a landscape or a species -this is not in reference to the specific cumulative impacts analysis in the NEPA process.

1. What is the range or threshold of anthropogenic disturbances that result in a long-term negative impact to sage-grouse populations?
2. How should natural disturbances, such as fire, be quantified in an analysis of cumulative impacts?
3. What is the scale at which cumulative impacts should be assessed? (e.g. PMU, SGMA, watershed)
4. Definitions of "habitat" and "disturbance".

Discussion will be guided by a draft document that the SETT will provide to the SWG prior to the meeting.

**4. IDENTIFY SUB-COMMITTEES FOR FIRE/INVASIVE TOPICS.**

**5. DATE/LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

A. November 14<sup>th</sup> -- DRI??

Tentative topic- Continue fire and invasive discussion started at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> SWG meeting

**6. ASSIGNMENTS AND DUE DATES**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

This agenda has been posted on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program website at:  
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