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Subject: RE: Grouse Lek Monitoring

Excellent plan of action! And they said it couldn't be done; but I knew you could do it. As an avian enthusiast I care greatly about our winged species and argued profusely for this type of analysis.

I am jubilantly happy to see that you are laying the ground work.

As I stated during the commission meeting, South Dakota has an exceptional opportunity to provide unique information regarding leks and to help resolve ongoing questions and concerns of the effects of wind turbines on leks and to provide guidance to other areas of the country.

I argued several times that I had faith that an independent party could put a plan together that would resolve concerns and you have accomplished that.

The natural world will be better-off for the information you gather.

Your presentations to our commission and safeguarding of our natural resources have been and continue to be invaluable.

My faith in the GFP continues to be at an apex.

Thank you!

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