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Subject: Re: Sage Grouse - Transmission Corridor GIS data.
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Thank you for your efforts, Ron. I will elevate this to my management to see what direction they want to take.

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On Mon, Mar 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM, Ron Salz <ron_salz@fws.gov> wrote:

Hello all,

In February I received an email that Lara Juliussan and Todd Lickfett tried to get HSIP (Homeland Security Infrastructure Program) energy transmission line data to support the sage grouse biology studies. HIFLD rejected their application for the HSIP Gold data set because, “(u)nfortunately, preventing the need to list the Greater sage-grouse as "Endangered" or "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act does not meet the standards set forth by the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security or by the commercial vendors who sold us the data.

Lara and Todd wrote that BLM had the data set but weren't able to share it with the USFWS. I contacted the BLM and they sent me the two documents I have attached to this email. Their license with Platts expires in October.

I've raised this issue to HIFLD both before Lara and Todd's request and have since been elevating it to Jerry Johnston, the DOI Geospatial Information Officer. For the last year or two I've asked about shared licensing and how we can do this better. I will continue to work with DOI and HIFLD working group to make these data sets available for non – homeland security uses and/or work with DOI to create a shared licensing approach for data sets needed across the Bureaus.

To address your immediate needs I have the following recommendations for the Sage Grouse Team. And they do involve spending money.

Recommendations:

1. Contact Plata and see if there is a discounted rate for another DOI agency licensing the data. (contact info is in the contracts)
2. Coordinate with BLM to share the cost for next year's purchase. Maybe you can ask Plata if you can have a 4 month license until USFWS and BLM can do a shared license. I suggest contacting John Reitsma or Kathie Jewell with BLM.
3. Another option is to get in touch with the USFWS NRPC, Natural Resources Program Center in Fort Collins. Sherri Baker of that office mentioned today that they received the transmission corridor information from the Department of Transportation. I don't know if it contains the attributes you need.

That's it from here. I hope this helps. Sorry we couldn't get the data from BLM, but their COR wrote that the Service needs to get it ourselves.

Ron

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