

TAC Updates

BSSG Coordinator Position

- Position Description and Qualifications Completed
- Funding will go from IWJV to Pheasants Forever (agreement drafted), then from PF to ESIA (not started)
- Partner Contributions:
 - HT gave FWS \$5000
 - FWS will give their \$2000 (or \$6000 for the three years) to IWJV through a job code
 - NDOW/BLM will provide funding through PF agreement
 - INF has office space and computer available
- ESIA will post the job
- Target date for starting: June 1
- Panel: Duane, Sherri, Jeff (ESIA), Shawn? Monique? FWS? Sheila? Or a small interview panel and a larger review panel

Ravens Long Valley



Raven densities and raven concerns in Long Valley were discussed at the last Translocation Call. Raven densities in Long Valley CDFW was going to do some research on solutions.

Water Long Valley

See Letter

Lek Numbers

Long Valley 152 males (similar to 2016 and 2017 which had about 160)

Bodie 300. Last year 271 was peak, but that is a low estimate due to access issues.

ESLT Award

BLM/USFS awarded the ESLT for the Conservation Leadership Partner of the Year award presented at the North American Wildlife Conference in Virginia March 27th 2018. Press release coming. **NEED Quote from Bill or Tony or Steve or someone at EOC.**

Here is how the nominee is chosen:

- This award is presented annually to an organization or individual representing a conservation organization for their outstanding leadership in the development and implementation of conservation programs and activities that have directly benefited fish, wildlife, and/or native plants on public lands or their use, enjoyment, and appreciation.
- Nominees of this award must have demonstrated sustained dedication, leadership, and commitment to work collaboratively to build partnerships that promote sound land management practices and the conservation of wildlife, fisheries and/or native plant resources that depend on public lands. Nominee accomplishments can be at either a local, regional, or national level.
- Emphasis will be given to nominees who: have a long-standing partnership (four or more years) with the BLM and the Forest Service; have a demonstrated track record of cooperative conservation success; are recognized leaders in the conservation field; use unique or innovative approaches; and/or work to promote public understanding of cooperative conservation.

North American Panel

Collaborative Conservation in Practice: Bi-State Greater Sage Grouse Panel Host/Moderator: Tony Wasley, Nevada Department of Wildlife Three collaborators will share their unique story of participation in the successful "Bi-state Sage Grouse Conservation Collaborative." These presenters will each focus on their experiences in this grassroots effort, discussing such factors as what motivated people to come together, how did they learn to create an acceptable "space" where people were willing to work together, how did the diversity of participating stakeholders evolve over time and why, what "unusual" voices played a role in the effort, and what type of risk-taking or epiphanies occurred during the process. In short, their presentations will each focus on the human dynamics of the collaborative effort.