Jim Cochran

From: Dave Showalter <dave@daveshowalter.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 2:11 PM
To: Jim Cochran
Subject: Re: Dave Showalter shared "GuS-g CPW" with you

Sure Jim, no problem:

Dave Showalter GuS-g Photography Summery, 2014

First, I would like to thank the Strategic Committee for your support of my work in the sagebrush ecosystem. Conservation photography requires special access and opportunity and these long-term projects frequently take multiple return visits to make the right images for the story. Thankfully, because of your support, I will have quality images of Gunnison Sage-grouse in good habitat for the Sage Spirit conservation project I've been working on for 5+ years.

I arrived the day before the scheduled 1st day on the lek. Nate Seward had kindly established a blind on private land, which we visited that afternoon. We also set up my blind on another lek as a second option for day two. Nate accompanied me on the first morning and we had some success with several males coming within photographic range. I went out on the second day with Pat Magee to the lek where my blind was set up, a dramatic location if the light is good. We had grouse displaying very close to the blind and unconcerned with our presence, coyotes were howling, shrike and Great horned owl vocalizing - a memorable morning. But, before sunrise several squalls came through, bringing fierce winds and scattering the grouse. One male returned to display for a nearby female and I was able to make a few images.

Every morning on a lek is different and I had just come from over a week of Greater Sage-grouse work in Wyoming. I'm amazed each time at how different these birds are - their vocalizations, the way they lek, and the display are all strikingly different. I'm close to completing the Sage Spirit book and will proudly include some of these images, along with captioning and text that offers viewers a glimpse of the outstanding collaborative work of the extended Gunnison community, an example for the West.

One final note from a conversation that Nate and I were having: Although I would have liked more than two mornings, I understand that the qualification process needs to be difficult and I'm happy that the committee sets a high bar for photographer selection. I strongly believe that photographers should present a qualifying conservation project, a conservation ethic, and a willingness to work in the spirit of collaboration.

Thank you for your support and trust,

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On May 8, 2014, at 1:39 PM, Jim Cochran <JCochran@gunnisoncounty.org> wrote:

Thanks Dave. I was in the process of sending you an email reminding you of the Strategic Committee's lek access reporting and photographic product sharing requirement:
"Successful applicants are required to submit a one page summary of their activities within 30 days of the project visit and must contribute products to the committee, including copies of all photographs, video, or audio recordings of the grouse."

I do agree with you that sharing your photographs be limited to those you consider quality images.

If you would, please, send me a short summary of your 2014 lek access activities, which will be provided to the Committee at their May 21 meeting. Email is fine.

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(Dave shared these files using Dropbox. Enjoy!)

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