Gunnison County
Gunnison sage-grouse
Wildlife Conservation Coordinator
Transition Plan

I. Finalize contract with Cochran
   a. Effective 1-1-16
   b. Significant changes/work items
      i. Gunnison County "Wildlife Conservation Coordinator" to Gunnison County "Wildlife Biologist"
      ii. No regular office hours/office location in Gunnison County facilities
      iii. Any land use related reviews will be "recommendations" not decision documents
         1. Gunnison County Community Development Department/Public Works Department will review recommendations and adopt them into permits/Planning Commission Recommendations/other actions as appropriate
         2. Gunnison County Community Development Department/Public Works Department will schedule and coordinate onsite assessments
      iv. Gunnison County staff will authorize Cochran's work as follows:
         1. David Baumgarten – litigation support, administrative proceedings
         2. Russ Forrest – land use change applications and permits
            a. Land use reviews as necessary prior to full assumption of task by contract biologist
            b. Training of contract biologist
         3. Matthew Birnie – any other matter (generally, pre-authorized as follows)
            a. BLM EIS/RMPA
            b. Habitat Prioritization Tool
            c. GuSG Rangewide Plan
            d. Conservation easement facilitation
            e. County Coalition
            f. Conservation coalition
            g. Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee prior to full assumption of administrative role by contract biologist

II. Finalize contract for additional services
   a. Effective 1-1-16 or as soon as possible thereafter
   b. Duties
      i. GuSG land use reviews under County GuSG regulations
      ii. Administration of the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee
         1. Develop agendas in consultation with Executive Subcommittee
         2. Schedule and attend meetings
         3. Coordinate minutes, postings, information packets with Community Development Department administrative staff

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4. Administer membership, coordinate with Gunnison County Administrative and Community Development Department staff
5. Work with subcommittees as appropriate

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