

From: [Heather Koop](#)
Cc: [Bill Becker](#); [Sandy Smith](#)
Subject: FW: RE: Follow-up questions from council meeting
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2013 9:06:34 AM

Members,

Please find the response from the Northeast MN Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ph. V proposal.

Heather

From: Ward Julien [mailto:wjulien@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 3:24 PM
To: Heather Koop
Subject: Fw: RE: Follow-up questions from council meeting

Hi Heather,

Sorry about the mix up----I thought that Joe had forwarded this message.

If there's anything else, please let me know?

--Ward

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From: "Provost, Jodie (DNR)"
Sent: Sep 11, 2013 2:54 PM
To: Joe Pavelko , Ward Julien
Subject: RE: Follow-up questions from council meeting

Ward, you go -

From: Provost, Jodie (DNR)
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 4:24 PM
To: 'Joe Pavelko'
Cc: Kanz, David J (DNR); Ward Julien
Subject: RE: Follow-up questions from council meeting

Joe, hi! Sure. Additional information on long range goals for the Northeastern MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat Partnership include:

- **Primary, overarching, long term goal – A sustainable population of sharp-tailed grouse in NE MN that reflects ample, healthy and connected open and brushland habitats.**
 - o Why?
 - To provide environmental benefits which accompany such habitat – biodiversity, C sequestration, water retention and filtration.
 - To help MN DNR reach their goal of an annual average harvest of 40,000 sharptail.
 - To benefit the many other wildlife dependent upon open and brushland habitat, including several listed as SGCN and ETS.
 - To provide recreation opportunity for MN's outdoor enthusiasts

- To provide economic and ecotourism opportunity for local communities.
- And primarily to keep this unique, native, grouse species that is a SGCN a part of MN's heritage and ecosystems.
- Goal specifics (measurables)–
 - Increase quantity and quality of suitable habitat - Protect and enhance existing leks, and nesting and brood rearing habitat surrounding them, and connect those habitats. Restore leks and nesting and brood rearing habitat in priority areas. (Tools such as the sharp-tailed grouse habitat model and connectivity analysis can help strategically target areas for projects. Research underway on nest and brood rearing habitat selection, hen survival and mgt. techniques will improve management.)
 - Increase the number of leks and number of birds on leks
 - Increase genetic diversity - Prevent the "extinction vortex" (as explained by geneticist Brad Swanson) by keeping subpopulations sustainable and connected.
 - Increase harvest

That help? Let me know if you need more.

How did the hearing go? Have a sense if funds will be granted again? Thanks for all you do!

Also, one question for you – One of my fellow asst. mgrs., Jeff Hines, asked me to ask you how much room PF has to negotiate price with landowners when purchasing land. Do you have to stick with the appraised price? He is thinking about Keller brushland in the Sax-Zim area as usual.

Jodie

From: Joe Pavelko [<mailto:jpavelko@pheasantsforever.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Ward Julien; Provost, Jodie (DNR)
Subject: FW: Follow-up questions from council meeting
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Hey Jodie,

Do you have any insight on how to answer the question?

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From: Heather Koop [<mailto:heather.koop@lsohc.leg.mn>]
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 10:51 AM

To: jpavelko@pheasantsforever.org; wjulien@peoplepc.com

Cc: Sandy Smith; Bill Becker

Subject: Follow-up questions from council meeting

Importance: High

Hi, Joe and Ward,

During the hearings on Northeast Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ph. V, council members

requested additional information on the long-range goals for the program.

Please provide this information by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Thanks much.

Heather