Status Review

- The three specific statutory requirements, set forth in section 4(f)(1)(B) of the ESA, are that each plan incorporates the following:

  - 1. A description of site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan’s goal for the conservation and survival of the species;

  - 2. Objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination, in accordance with the provisions of this section, that the species be removed from the list; and

  - 3. Estimates of the time required and cost to carry out those measures needed to achieve the plan’s goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal.
Table 1. Approximate timelines for a streamlined process for developing a biennial workplan for the BWP (BWP), plus consideration of changes to the second year of the budget.

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<td>2. USGS and BOR will meet with the DOI family to solicit their input on DOI priorities and major issues to be reconciled. Any disagreements will be resolved by DOI in consultation with the DOI Family</td>
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The longer timeline for the budget process is as follows:

- January – reporting meeting, TWG provide issue/priorities for DOI to consider, GCMRC provide annual reports using agreed-upon format used in 2009 and 2010
- February – DOI provides and discusses workplan priorities, major issues, discuss at AMWG
- March – draft workplan to Assistant Secretary for review
- April – TWG review of initial budget spreadsheet and workplan, technical issues to DOI for consideration and response
- May – BAHG review of initial full workplan provided by DOI, response by DOI on technical issues
- June – TWG recommendation on workplan to AMWG with policy issues, and remaining technical issues to DOI directly
I propose that we follow up the TWG with a BAHG meeting within the next two weeks to finalize the list of concerns. Proposed timeline:

• At TWG, briefing and questions. Take notes and develop your concerns/direction for DOI.

• By Feb. 8 all budget concerns to Mary Orton.

• By Feb. 9 synthesis of concerns provided to BAHG and TWG by Mary Orton. ALSO OUT TO TWG WITH DRAFT

• Feb. 14 BAHG conference call from 9-12 to finalize list to GCMRC/Reclamation.
Other documents being developed by GCMRC to help guide the biennial workplan are:

- Strategic science plan (SSP) and monitoring and research plan (MRP) for the next 5 years: under development and will be combined into one document. A review process has not been articulated yet.
- FY 2011 annual reports: provided to TWG.