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Hi Karl,

Just an update on the rare plant meeting [REDACTED]. It was hosted by Utah Native Plant Society and Red Butte Garden. There is a tremendous amount of interest in and concern regarding *Penstemon grahamii*, what is happening to the species, the proposed listing, etc. One of the authors of the pollination studies we have been funding talked a lot about the fact that there is absolutely no recruitment occurring with the species. There is concern about the protecting pollinator habitat as well. He talked about the need for ecosystem management due to the need for the pollinators to have access to several *Penstemon* species. Other botanists talked about dust concerns, herbivory, invasive species, and over all habitat loss. One of the things we discussed was the need to conduct

additional basic inventory studies. If I can find some challenge cost share funding, I will have the Red Butte people expand their work to include the inventory work.

Also, I will be meeting tomorrow with The Nature Conservancy (Wednesday) and others to discuss the preparation of a Conservation Plan they are working on for several Uinta Basin endemics including the Penstemon. Did you get all of the information that I sent you? Hope everything is going well back there. Let me know if there is anything else that I can to help out.