

**Subject:** RE: Final Process for: GBIRd MOU

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I suggest the following, but am quite open to suggestions:

1. Once you give the OK on step #3, organizational leads give heads up to their signatories that paper copy is coming.
2. I can/will set up the FedEx routing thru US, then Oceania signatures. I can fetch when I am down there.
3. I will FedEx out 8 copies, the signatories sign his/her name to each copy before forwarding on.
  - a. Proposed path - NCSU, IC, NWRC, TAMU, Landcare, UofA, CSIRO
  - b. Fetch the stack of MOU's at the AVPC on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. I will then mail a 'wet ink', fully signed copy to each organization as directed by the organizational lead.
5. I (and everyone) can present the power of this partnership as we speak to audiences.
  - a. I will be speaking and incorporating into slide set for my May 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation at AVPC
  - b. Dan, Kurt and Mark Tizard can also highlight at AVPC

This is a preliminary plan of attack formulated after a consult with Gregg – as this is my first time at this number of signers. I would love input/suggestions as you have them. You can copy me and Gregg to keep info overload down if desired. Other input welcome too.

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Royden, I think this is schedule is reasonable. A couple of question about signatures,

- do partners require original signatures (wet ink) from each partner or will certified electronic signatures be sufficient?
- do partners require all signatures to be on the same page or can the MOU have multiple signature pages?

I am trying to get an answer to these questions from APHIS.

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**Subject:** Final Process for: GBIRD MOU

Hi All,

As a matter of importance, I would like to have this completed before I go to Australia and New Zealand and promote the partnership at the AVPC and meetings in NZ.

Here are the steps needed complete this outstanding task:

1. Review and minor edits i.e. typos (est. 3 days by steering committee members)
2. Compilation of all input (1 day by Royden)
3. Review for assurance that we have not gone outside US State Department intent (1 day by John E.)
4. Signature by executives (1-2 weeks)
  - o I can/will meet with US signatories if desired to explain the process we have taken to get us to this point
  - o If necessary, I can meet with Australasian partner signatories first two weeks of May

I have put a return receipt and will follow up if necessary to ensure we get to bullet point #4! Let me know if this process gives anyone heartburn.

With Gratitude,  
Royden

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Subject: FW: GBIRD MOU

Greetings Steering Committee,

After much encouragement from John Eisemann, the State Department has completed its second review of the MOU - this after the addition of Landcare Research. I have tracked my changes for your information - especially John E.'s.

These changes include:

- \*Adding page numbers
- \*Adding a missing article between "self-limiting mouse conservation tool" to read "self-limiting mouse as a conservation tool"
- \*removed an unused bullet
- \*removed a statement the State Department struck thru

Please review this document. My hope is that you can live with all the language. Please let me know if you find any more typos OR need to discuss some aspect of the language for changing. I will leave it to John E. to help determine how much we can 'adjust' post state dept review. Also please let me know if it is acceptable 'as is'. I will then assist with the signature process moving forward!

With Gratitude,  
Royden

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Royden,

This MOU now has the blessing of our State Department. It is ready for routing to the executive committee for one last look and hopefully signature.

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John-

I am holding my breath, but we may finally have this done.

Attached are the edits to the MOU, cleared, to be concluded and signed.

All I ask, is that a scanned copy of the final signed agreement be sent to my office for our records.

My office has moved to better coordinate MOUs through the office. The short version, is that in the future, MOUs for the C-175 process should be sent to [OES.STC.C175@State.gov](mailto:OES.STC.C175@State.gov)

The people on that list will run the document through our internal process, including bringing on the appropriate desk officer (me in this case) to run these more effectively.

I have already forwarded the Material Transfer you recently sent me there, so that is in process. The lawyer has been out of the country the past two weeks at other negotiations, but will hopefully look at it this week.

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