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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

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5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ladies and gentlemen, if  
6 we can all take our seats, please, we will get today's  
7 meeting under way. Let's begin with a roll call and  
8 introduction by each of our members. Rob, who will  
9 begin.

10 MR. PARKINS: Rob Parkins.

11 MR. MUTH: Allan Muth, University of  
12 California.

13 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling, Pinyon Community  
14 Council.

15 MR. WATTS: Gary Watts, California State  
16 Parks.

17 MS. LYONS: Barbara Gonzales-Lyons, Agua  
18 Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ed Kibbey, Chairman.

20 MS. GEORGE: Danella George, Monument  
21 Manager.

22 MR. BOGERT: Frank Bogert, Palm Springs.

23 MR. FREET: Bary Freet, Cathedral City.

24 MR. BROCKMAN: Bob Brockman.

25 MR. GRAFTON: Larry Grafton, City of Indian

1 Wells.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: It would appear that we do  
3 have a quorum, so we will go forward with the meeting.

4 The first item on the meeting is public  
5 comment. Do we have anyone from the public who wishes  
6 to make a comment? We apparently do have one.

7 Let the record show that Buford Crites has  
8 joined us.

9 Louisa Martin? Louisa Martin? Everyone  
10 speak up loudly. Buford forgot to bring our little  
11 portable microphones.

12 Louisa Martin doesn't appear to be here.

13 Is there anyone else who wishes to make  
14 comments before the Committee who has not signed up?

15 Louisa Martin is here. Oh, different person.

16 Okay. There appearing to be no one else who  
17 wishes to speak at this segment, I would remind you  
18 that we do have another public comment section at  
19 1 o'clock.

20 Oh, you wish to speak?

21 MS. BERGMAN: May I?

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, please. Please give  
23 your name, if it's different, spell it --

24 MS. BERGMAN: All right.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: -- for our reporter. And

1 hold your comments down to about five minutes.

2 MS. BERGMAN: My name is Barbara Bergman,  
3 and I represent Pinyon Community Council. Good  
4 morning.

5 One thing I'd like to report. I was asked to  
6 mention that because of this drought we have, it's  
7 gotten worse, and apparently the Forest Service has  
8 shut down the water in the campground. And I think  
9 we'd just like to note and add to our understanding of  
10 the conditions up there for the public. There's a  
11 note of thanks from the water company to the -- or to  
12 the Forest Service, because the residents are surely  
13 in need of water.

14 So just that we make that note that it isn't  
15 getting any better. Apparently, they reduced the  
16 entrance fee to the campground in return for having no  
17 water. So the water has been shut off.

18 Sorry I am late. We have a little smoke  
19 coming over the hill up there and --

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, we do.

21 MS. BERGMAN: -- all of us were just a  
22 little bit nervous to leave the hill, so -- everything  
23 is fine.

24 The other thing that I'd like to ask, my  
25 understanding and experience of the Santa Rosa site of

1 this area is, you know, the long dirt road access. It  
2 takes about an hour and ten minutes or so to get up to  
3 the top. And once up there, there aren't, you know,  
4 campgrounds per se. There are spaces to stop and  
5 camp.

6 I do have a question about your planning as  
7 far as that road, what is to be done with that road,  
8 if there are any plans to pave, improve, or otherwise  
9 make it accessible or more, less.

10 And the other is in regards to hunting. I  
11 now have a bullet hole through my tent. And I didn't  
12 imagine that maybe in Joshua Tree if you were camping  
13 you'd have hunting at the same time.

14 So I'm just asking if we have thought ahead  
15 to plans for that area, plans for campers, and then  
16 plans for that combination of hunting.

17 So I have no more comments. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you very much.

19 Anyone else wish to speak?

20 Yes. Please come forward. State your name.  
21 If it's different, please spell it. And limit your  
22 comments to about five minutes.

23 MS. MARTIN: Thank you. I am Louisa Martin.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Can you please speak up?

25 Because the microphone is not functioning.

1 MS. MARTIN: Oh. It's not functioning?

2 I am Louisa Martin, L-o-u-i-s-a. I live in  
3 Chapman Ranchos. Chapman Ranchos is a community right  
4 below Pinyon Crest, right above Arroyo Carrizo. It's  
5 about 14 miles from here. I have lived up there for  
6 about 14 years with my husband, raised two children  
7 there.

8 My concerns today are regarding our small  
9 community and what we are seeing since you have become  
10 a National Monument. We have seen three major things.  
11 We have seen increase in traffic on Highway 74. We've  
12 seen increased trash and illegal dumping, both on  
13 Highway 74 and in our area. And we've seen an  
14 aimlessly recreating public.

15 Our message to you is really what we think  
16 you might be able to think about as you proceed with  
17 your plan. The message that I have heard is, "Come  
18 and enjoy your new National Monument." That's not  
19 bad, but "enjoy" may mean one thing to you and it may  
20 mean something entirely different to the public.

21 From our observation, people need to enjoy  
22 with their vehicles, their toys, their alcohol, and  
23 their campfires. They take great pleasure in driving  
24 off-road on any available dirt road, any wash, around  
25 any locked gate, and through the closest available

1 open desert. They need to drive fast and furiously.  
2 They need to drink beer. They need to leave their  
3 trash when they leave.

4 This is what I think you might want to think  
5 about. How are we going to educate these people as to  
6 what this National Monument is all about? First and  
7 foremost, I think it's fragile. Very fragile. Where  
8 one car goes, a thousand will follow.

9 An example of this is visible right off of  
10 Highway 74 just above Vista Point. About two years  
11 ago, a great big truck careened off the road because  
12 it had lost its brakes. It careened off the road near  
13 a small, square pull-out about a mile above Vista  
14 Point. And no one was killed. Everything was fine,  
15 but the truck contained an awful lot of cement  
16 material, and that had to all be cleaned up. Now,  
17 when it was cleaned up, it left a vast swatch that  
18 looked like a road. And it is a road now, because  
19 every off-roader is driving in there to have fun. So  
20 where one car goes, a thousand will follow.

21 My thought is the public needs places to do  
22 this kind of thing. They need a place to off-road.  
23 They need a place to use their toys. And so I'm  
24 hopeful that you can find a place for people to drive  
25 off-road, a place where they can mountain-bike, where

1 they can ride their horses, and where they know that's  
2 appropriate. That's going to take some signs.

3 And when they get to those places, they are  
4 going to need some rest rooms, they are going to need  
5 water to drink, they are going to need restaurants,  
6 they are going to need food, they are going to need  
7 all those facilities that recreating individuals today  
8 want.

9 Right now, they look at us like the Oklahoma  
10 territory. And we happen to be off of Carrizo Road.  
11 We are the first public road into the National  
12 Monument from the desert. And it is a playground.

13 I am going to be sending you some photographs  
14 of an area. It's a part of the forest. It's a  
15 section of land which is forestry where, over the  
16 years, people have driven in and they have destroyed  
17 it. I didn't bring those to you today, but I do have  
18 your address and I will mail some photographs to you,  
19 Ed, or any of the others. Maybe to you, Danella.

20 So I would like you to think about rest  
21 rooms, drinking water, activities for children, trash  
22 receptacles, places for the public to eat and drink,  
23 urgent care when our recreating public injures  
24 themselves, and, unfortunately, picking up after them.

25 I thank you for the opportunity to speak to

1 you today.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you for your  
3 comments.

4 Let the record show that Bob Lyman and Terry  
5 Henderson have arrived.

6 Any other comments? Any other comments from  
7 the public? We do have another opportunity at  
8 1 o'clock. Thank you very much. Appreciate the  
9 input.

10 Any comments from any member of the Committee  
11 on the comments we've heard?

12 Let me say that as to the Santa Rosa Mountain  
13 Road and the campgrounds up there, portions of this  
14 Committee did take a field trip to that area and found  
15 that the facilities are rather rudimentary. But we  
16 were also told by the Forest Service they don't have  
17 any money.

18 So I think we can expect that the road will  
19 remain as it is, that the facilities will remain  
20 cleaned, but probably not improved too much in the  
21 very near future. However, it is of interest to the  
22 Committee, as expressed by Committee members, that  
23 that area be fully utilized as a part of the Monument.  
24 So I think that we will be making recommendations to  
25 the Forest Service for improvements in that area as

1 money becomes available.

2 All the other comments about the area  
3 becoming busier, that sort of thing, and all the  
4 needs, thank you very much. We recognize those, and  
5 those are being studied and considered.

6 Anyone else have any comments as to the  
7 comments?

8 We then turn to --

9 MR. CRITES: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Whoops. You are a little  
11 slow there, Buford.

12 MR. CRITES: I had my hand up. You just  
13 ignored it again.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, it was resting on  
15 your cheek.

16 MR. CRITES: Just a note. I saw Laurie come  
17 in a minute ago of the Forest Service.

18 About a week --

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Speak up.

20 MR. CRITES: A week ago, I went up to Santa  
21 Rosa Mountain Road in the evening, and in three  
22 separate areas you could smell the smoke of campfires;  
23 one at the Santa Rosa Mountain Spring; one near the  
24 former location of Steve Ragsdale's cabin; and the  
25 other one up in the upper campground area. And I

1 believe there's a fire prohibition even in  
2 campgrounds.

3 MS. ROSENTHAL: No, there isn't.

4 MR. CRITES: There isn't?

5 MS. ROSENTHAL: No. There's not in  
6 developed campgrounds, those that have rest rooms,  
7 those in Santa Rosa. There is not --

8 MR. CRITES: Well, two of the three have no  
9 rest rooms or anything else. I am just saying given  
10 the number of fires in areas around the western United  
11 States that have started, the fact that you can smell  
12 them in a variety of places on that mountain was not a  
13 good sign for the summit.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Do you want to  
15 identify yourself for the record, please?

16 MS. ROSENTHAL: I am Laurie Rosenthal, the  
17 District Ranger up at San Jacinto.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you and welcome,  
19 Laurie.

20 MS. ROSENTHAL: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comment?

22 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Kibbey?

23 Thank you, Mr. Kibbey. Terry Henderson, City  
24 of La Quinta.

25 The particular road that -- I think it was

1 Louisa --

2 MS. MARTIN: Yes.

3 MS. HENDERSON: -- Louisa Martin was  
4 referring to that was created by this accident, does  
5 anyone know the current length of that road?

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, sir. Buford?

7 MR. CRITES: Actually, there's a squared-off  
8 area with a gate at the back of it that was blocked  
9 off years ago by State Fish & Game in order to  
10 restrict access to the Carrizo Canyon Ecological  
11 Reserve -- or named very close to that.

12 And over the last number of years, people  
13 have discovered if they simply drive around the little  
14 square, you can drive back there. And Fish & Game has  
15 at least known about this issue for at least two years  
16 and, quote, "do not have the personnel or resources"  
17 to come in and either add to the existing enclosure or  
18 put rocks or do anything else.

19 And so I think the comment is correct. Over  
20 the last probably two and a half years, it's become a  
21 very obvious road back into what is, I believe,  
22 sensitive area by Fish & Game's perceptions.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Well, does it exist with our  
24 society anymore to have volunteer groups that could  
25 potentially go into that area just to put up

1 perhaps -- what I am trying to get at here is how  
2 extensive would the job be to solve the problem?

3 MR. CRITES: Fifty yards of either fencing  
4 or rock work or something.

5 MS. HENDERSON: Is there a Friends of BLM  
6 out there that --

7 MR. CRITES: This is Forest.

8 MS. HENDERSON: -- Friends of Forest Service  
9 or even through perhaps our organization somehow  
10 banding some folks together to solve a problem that  
11 appears to be solvable, and probably at a very low  
12 cost?

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do we have a  
14 representative of Fish & Game here today?

15 MR. KONNO: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Would you like to speak on  
17 that? Please identify yourself.

18 MR. KONNO: Yes. My name is Eddy Konno. I  
19 am with the California Department of Fish & Game. And  
20 I personally wasn't aware of this. However, I believe  
21 that our State lands people are. And I am going to  
22 bring it to their attention that it's a problem.

23 Otherwise, I know our budgets are very low  
24 right now. We don't even have a budget right now.  
25 But if there are off-roaders going into the Carrizo

1 Preserve, then I think that we should do something  
2 about it. This is the first time that I've heard  
3 about it.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you very much. So  
5 we have the value here of your testimony. Thank you.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Could I request that when  
7 there are some discussions on this with the  
8 gentleman's office, that we could receive a memo, even  
9 if it's three or four weeks from now, but some sense  
10 of where this might be, and perhaps we could pursue  
11 some other avenues if they are going to be unable to  
12 do that?

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is that a possibility; you  
14 get something to Danella and she can get it to us?

15 MR. KONNO: Yes. We will notify you.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We appreciate that. Thank  
17 you.

18 Are you just waving or do you want to speak?

19 MS. DUNNING: I am just confirming that  
20 there are no other people that have signed in to  
21 speak.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: All right.

23 Yes, sir?

24 MR. PARKINS: I was just saying hello to  
25 Bob.

1 MS. HENDERSON: But we have one here.

2 MR. WATTS: I would like to take this  
3 opportunity to -- Gary Watts, State Parks -- quickly  
4 thank the staff of both BLM and Forest Service for the  
5 wonderful job they did hosting our field trip into the  
6 Monument. Thanks to everyone that participated. Did  
7 a good job. And Danella organized that, so --

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes. It worked very well.

9 Anyone else? Anyone else from the public? I  
10 noticed a couple new people came in. Anyone else from  
11 the public wishes to make a comment?

12 Yes. Please come forward and identify  
13 yourself. Your name?

14 MR. INGRAM: The regular comment time is  
15 9 o'clock?

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes. From 9:00 to 9:30 on  
17 public comments. Did you wish to make a public  
18 comment?

19 MR. INGRAM: I will wait till 1:00.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Very good. Anyone  
21 else?

22 Thank you very much for those comments from  
23 both the public and the Committee members.

24 "Review of the Last Meeting Minutes." I take  
25 it all of you have looked over the minutes. Danella

1 and I studied the minutes, made comments and some  
2 changes, and those have been incorporated into the  
3 finished product that was posted on the Web site.

4 Do you remember when, Danella?

5 MS. GEORGE: At least two weeks ago.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Two weeks ago.

7 MS. GEORGE: Two to three.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any further changes to the  
9 minutes? They shall remain as presented today.

10 "Housekeeping. Update from our DFO."

11 Danella?

12 MS. GEORGE: Good morning. If you cannot  
13 hear me, raise your hand. Danella George, Monument  
14 Manager.

15 First, welcome to our public. And to the  
16 Monument Advisory Committee, thanks for being here.  
17 And to the staffs that have worked to prepare today's  
18 meeting and presentations.

19 I wanted to review the agenda, because  
20 there's some changes on the agenda. The first change  
21 was basically I had an error. At 1:30, we had shown  
22 another break. But, actually, after public comment  
23 time from 1:00 to 1:30, we are going to go right into  
24 some work on the National Monument Plan with the  
25 Committee.

1           The other item is I received a phone call  
2           about a half hour ago, and our presenter for Caltrans  
3           on Highway 74 and Caltrans' vision, its long-term  
4           management, objectives, and goals out there will have  
5           to be cancelled till our October Advisory Committee  
6           meeting, because the presenter has had a blowout on  
7           the highway and was waiting for a tow truck. So the  
8           9:45 on your agenda is now cancelled.

9           We have a 10 o'clock Highway 74 Scenic  
10          Highway Proposal from Bob Loudon. And we may have to  
11          move the signage up, if Bob has not arrived, after we  
12          get done with this aspect of the housekeeping.

13          Okay. For the public, on the tables -- as  
14          well as for all the Advisory Committee members -- are  
15          copies of the last two Federal Register notices since  
16          our meeting in June. One is in regard to the  
17          reappointment and the renomination for the one-year  
18          appointments of Advisory Committee members. That  
19          currently has a 30-day period starting on July 26th  
20          that went into the Federal Register notice. After  
21          that 30-day period, we will be able to send to the  
22          secretaries via the Regional Forester and via the  
23          State Director the reappointment and renomination  
24          packets that will go on up the chain.

25          The other Federal Register notice was posted

1 July 16th. That's in response to the Advisory  
2 Committee's request to change public comment from 1:00  
3 to 1:30 and, also, to have the flexibility to adjourn  
4 a meeting if we are done with business prior to  
5 4 o'clock. So there's that.

6 Then just a little update for folks. At the  
7 visitor center on Highway 74, we are working to  
8 improve that and make it more accessible and more  
9 visitor friendly before the season starts this fall.  
10 So I want to thank the folks working at the visitor  
11 center and, also, our Committee Chair, who is going to  
12 help us in the construction of a modular desk  
13 situation to greet our visitors. We found a home for  
14 the interpretive display. Marilyn Glasman, Rancho  
15 Mirage, assisted us, Mary Roche, with the Scrapyard  
16 Folks down in Indio. They are going to take that and  
17 have that.

18 The other item is we will be having a Public  
19 Lands Day at the visitor center. It will be the same  
20 day as our next Advisory Committee meeting, but just  
21 so folks know. So there will be some activities out  
22 there at the visitor center. And we will be getting  
23 that out to the public and to the media.

24 We have also advertised another GS-7 Park  
25 Ranger for the visitor center. And that position

1 closed July the 26th. We advertised that in the local  
2 newspaper and really tried to get the word out so that  
3 we could really get it into the community.

4 Another item we will be talking about -- and  
5 Connell will be discussing this -- is we are going to  
6 be moving into a workshop schedule with our public to  
7 meet the timelines for our draft National Monument  
8 Management Plan. So that will be discussed today.

9 We hope to be filling the Interpretive  
10 Outreach Position in the not too distant future. We  
11 still have some more personnel things to do with that,  
12 some more interviews, but we are getting close.

13 At the last meeting of the Board with Forest  
14 Service and BLM, the District Ranger and the Forest  
15 Supervisor and the Field Manager all signed off on the  
16 interpretive plan that was developed by Rita Cantu,  
17 and when that information outreach person gets on  
18 board and gets kind of familiar with the position,  
19 they will be giving a presentation to the Advisory  
20 Committee about this outreach plan.

21 Let's see. We discussed at the last meeting  
22 the annual celebration event. Once again, it will be  
23 led by Tim Parrott with the Friends of the Desert  
24 Mountain support. And August 5th, Tim should have a  
25 firm date. We are hoping that it will be October the

1 26th, but we don't know for sure. And we will let  
2 everyone know once we -- or Tim will let you all know.  
3 And if there's any communities, following up from our  
4 last discussion, that want to do something on that  
5 Saturday, be sure to work with Tim Parrott, because he  
6 is the one assigned to work with this.

7           On November the 26th, we will be having a  
8 hiking/equestrian event at Lake Cahuilla, and that's  
9 with Riverside County. And Jeff Morgan has been  
10 assisting with the Sierra Club, and the Desert Riders  
11 have been assisting with putting that together. So I  
12 hope all the Advisory Committee folks will be able to  
13 come out for that. As we finalize what we are all  
14 going to be doing, we will let everyone know.

15           A reminder -- this is just a simple process  
16 reminder today. When we get to the discussion of  
17 recommendations on the BLM drafts, Santa Rosa and  
18 San Jacinto Mountains Trail Management Plan, when we  
19 get to that point, the work groups' comments must be  
20 brought to the MAC, to you folks, for a discussion.  
21 And from that, that discussion, the MAC would then  
22 make a recommendation to the federal agencies.

23           And I think that's about it. Except for one  
24 more thing. And that is lunch. For those in the  
25 Advisory Committee that have ordered a lunch, we ask

1 that at break you please pay Bonnie so that when the  
2 lunches arrive, it won't be chaos.

3 And that's it.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Chaos?

5 Comments on the DFO's report to the  
6 Committee? None?

7 MS. HENDERSON: I do.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Terry?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Would you spell Tim's last  
10 name for me?

11 MS. GEORGE: P-a-r-r-o-t-t. And I can  
12 provide you with his phone number/fax number today.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

14 MS. GEORGE: There's one last item. I  
15 visited with the Chair and talked with the Committee  
16 Chair -- and this is for the Advisory Committee. The  
17 next sessions, including today's, we need to really --  
18 we need from you -- "we" being the federal agencies --  
19 need to really start moving into building alternatives  
20 for this National Monument Plan.

21 And we would like to bring along a  
22 facilitator starting in October -- the meetings in  
23 October, December, and probably February -- to help  
24 with that process, that's had experience working with  
25 a lot of different management plans with federal

1 agencies and intergovernmental entities.

2 And so I will hand that to the Chair for what  
3 you need.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My comment was that the  
5 Committee had asked a number of times for something to  
6 really work on, something that had been generated by  
7 either the BLM or the Forest Service as a part of the  
8 ultimate plan so that we could respond to it.

9 In addition, my comments were that a number  
10 of items had been presented to the Committee. We had  
11 discussed them rather heavily, made comments and  
12 suggestions, and at the end of those periods I had  
13 asked if the DFO understood and the BLM and the Forest  
14 Service understood where the Committee was coming from  
15 and could use that information, and was assured at the  
16 meetings that they could.

17 So I believe that the Committee has been very  
18 forthcoming in information to the Services. I don't  
19 believe there has been much coming back to us as to  
20 real planning -- we don't know where you are -- and I  
21 personally find it very difficult to go into a meeting  
22 to make recommendations when we don't know where you  
23 are. Perhaps you could comment on that.

24 MS. GEORGE: Sure.

25 I think we have been at a -- I know we have

1     been at a stage where we have been gathering the  
2     public's comments, working with our public through  
3     scoping meetings.  Connell sent out the Matrix -- and  
4     she shall discuss that today -- to look at where  
5     there's differences with the different jurisdictions  
6     on management within the Monument.

7             The work groups, the interagency work group,  
8     is going to come up with a process at their next  
9     meeting in August to facilitate working with the Plan  
10    and providing the internal agency specialists' input  
11    to build alternatives for the Plan.

12            So we really haven't specifically gotten to  
13    that stage of, "Here's what we specifically need from  
14    you for the alternatives."  I know Connell has asked  
15    for input and information, and that's why we want to  
16    have someone who's working with a facilitated process  
17    to keep the process moving along to make those steps,  
18    because that's where we are headed today.

19            CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  My question is what are  
20    they going to facilitate?

21            MS. GEORGE:  They are going to facilitate  
22    developing alternatives --

23            CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  To what?  An alternative  
24    means you have been presented something and you are  
25    going to come up with an alternative.

1 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So we haven't been  
3 presented, the Committee Members -- this is just my  
4 feeling so far on this, and we will open it up and --

5 MR. CRITES: Ed, if you have had something  
6 presented, that limits your alternatives. If you have  
7 nothing, think of all the alternatives you have.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's one way to look at  
9 it.

10 So anyhow, this was our discussions on the  
11 telephone.

12 And now I open it up to the Committee for  
13 your comments and questions and, also, for staff.

14 MS. DUNNING: Just a process check. When I  
15 give my presentation about kind of where we are in the  
16 planning, I will kind of update you as to where we are  
17 in the process and what this "alternative development"  
18 means. The word "alternative" could mean anything,  
19 but in the realm of planning and where we move to our  
20 next step, it's how we take all the input we've gotten  
21 from you, from the public, and how do we fit that into  
22 proposed actions that fit the range that's been  
23 proposed.

24 We then go through a process of analyzing  
25 whatever has been brought forward. If there's

1 something that's been brought forward about specific  
2 elements, cultural resources, for example, there will  
3 be a range of recommendations that we will then  
4 analyze to determine which range or which we pick of  
5 that range.

6           So that's what we mean when we mean  
7 "alternatives" and "alternative development." It's  
8 just like a planning term to identify, "Okay. There's  
9 been a lot of time-specific issues. Now let's get  
10 those issues into recommended actions." Hopefully, we  
11 will have several that represent no action, which is  
12 status quo, what's happening now, and then several  
13 others that represent a range.

14           So that's where our next step is. And I will  
15 talk a little bit more about that.

16           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you.

17           Comments from the Committee? Bob?

18           MR. BROCKMAN: I understand that the process  
19 that we are going through is very complicated and it's  
20 going to be a lengthy one.

21           The manner of reviewing the alternatives, as  
22 Connell has described, is very typical in a planning  
23 process. The idea in a general planning process is to  
24 try to distill these things down to a final  
25 recommended, preferred alternative that becomes a part

1 of that plan.

2 To this point, I don't think this Committee  
3 has been presented with a choice between alternatives  
4 with which to make that final decision. But I think  
5 we have a very capable staff of BLM, a very capable  
6 chairman, and I am not convinced at this point we need  
7 a facilitator to be able to make the decisions that we  
8 need to do to get this Plan going.

9 If, at a later date, that becomes apparent,  
10 we can revisit the subject, but it seems premature to  
11 me.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments from the  
13 Committee? Rob?

14 MR. PARKINS: I would concur with that. The  
15 use of the facilitator generally refers to a group  
16 that's reticent to move things forward. I don't know  
17 anybody in this room -- I know most of us -- I don't  
18 think anybody is shy about expressing an opinion.

19 So I would concur with Bob's comments.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments? Yes?

21 MS. DUNNING: One more comment. We, as  
22 planners, as a planning team, can come up with a range  
23 of alternatives and give them to you to review. We  
24 don't want to do that. We want you to help us write  
25 the alternatives. It's a little different. It's a

1 little bit more involved.

2 If you don't want to be a part of that, if  
3 you would rather have us work in the planning teams  
4 with the resource of staff, that's what we are going  
5 to start doing. But we realize the importance of  
6 having public involvement and actually drafting those  
7 alternatives that will ultimately be chosen between.  
8 So that's what we are asking.

9 In another couple months, in another couple  
10 meetings, we will have alternatives because we have to  
11 have them to fit the status and the timeline of the  
12 Plan, but we would really like for you to help us  
13 draft what those alternatives are. It's not something  
14 that's done all the time.

15 And it's a little bit unwieldy. It's a  
16 little bit difficult. But we want your input. And  
17 we'd like to allow the time to allow for that input.  
18 If it's not working out, then we can take the staff  
19 and we can write it and give you lots of stuff to  
20 review. But we'd like to involve you in the actual  
21 drafting of what those alternatives are.

22 So that's our next step.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments? Jeff?

24 MR. MORGAN: Yes. As for bringing up those  
25 alternatives, if you look in the minutes of all the

1 prior meetings and all the statements that the  
2 Committee members have made, they could be taken in  
3 some ways as policy that we are trying to put forward.  
4 And those should ultimately be considered as part  
5 of --

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff, can you please speak  
7 up?

8 MR. MORGAN: As part of the planning  
9 process, those should ultimately be considered. And  
10 so -- is this working?

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Not yet.

12 MR. MORGAN: Working?

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: There you go.

14 MR. MORGAN: Yes?

15 Okay. Did you get what I said anyway?

16 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments from the  
19 Committee members? Terry?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson, La Quinta.

21 We have before us today a document called the  
22 Monument Matrix Summary. This, in conjunction with  
23 various comments made by the Board, would be used to  
24 perhaps create these alternatives. Is that assumption  
25 correct?

1 MS. DUNNING: Yes. The Matrix that you are  
2 looking at is the response to questions of staff from  
3 the different land managing agencies that fall within  
4 the bounds of the Monument.

5 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

6 MS. DUNNING: Recognize that the Monument  
7 Plan will only apply to federal lands, BLM and Forest  
8 Service. The Matrix that I will be presenting later  
9 provides some sideboards for what's going on  
10 everywhere else so we can try to be as consistent as  
11 possible within the bounds of the law.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. And along with this,  
13 we have received some comments back from folks, the  
14 general public that came out at scoping meetings. And  
15 with those, would that be what you were trying to  
16 facilitate for the alternatives?

17 And I am seeing nods. So I would like to  
18 continue to make one additional comment.

19 Generally speaking, when I come to a meeting,  
20 I have had this material long enough to make comments.  
21 My comments to this today would be off the cuff  
22 because I have not had it to read or look at or to  
23 help facilitate or move forward.

24 Now, I can understand a facilitator perhaps  
25 at the next meeting, but I heard something about today

1 also -- not a facilitator, but -- including today in  
2 that process. Danella did say that.

3 MS. GEORGE: May I comment? Danella George.

4 Yes. The last document that was handed out,  
5 the Public Scoping Document from the last Advisory  
6 Committee, if people have looked at that and they have  
7 some input to put towards building the Plan and  
8 framing some alternatives, I do think that would be --  
9 that's what we are looking at on the agenda at 1:30;  
10 "Issues/Concerns/Opportunities." Those were from the  
11 Public Scoping Document handed to the Advisory  
12 Committee at the last meeting.

13 And then, also, the discussion with the work  
14 groups to the Advisory Committee as part of today,  
15 what I see for today, of moving into working on a  
16 Monument Plan.

17 And a facilitator, you know -- some people  
18 have had bad experience, good experience. We have  
19 done some research to find somebody that has worked  
20 with complex plans. And this is going to be a complex  
21 plan because of the different jurisdictions, because  
22 of the different federal entities. And what I am  
23 trying to do is move it along now because it takes  
24 often 60 days to set something up like this and keep  
25 us out of getting bogged down, because we have a

1 deadline of October of 2003 to have a completed Plan.  
2 There's a lot on everybody's plate with these plans  
3 right now, with the Amendment, the Plan Amendment for  
4 BLM, Forest Service's Plan, the Trails Plan, and the  
5 Monument Plan.

6 So somebody who's had skill and expertise  
7 working with a lot of different planning processes  
8 with a lot of different entities, I think, could  
9 really save us time in the long run. And we could  
10 always revisit it. If folks, after the next Advisory  
11 Committee, feel this isn't working, we could say,  
12 "Nay." But I would rather start it. I think we need  
13 that help. And Connell had expressed a desire to have  
14 some facilitated help.

15 So that's all I have to say.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments from the  
17 Committee? Yes, sir?

18 MR. LYMAN: Bob Lyman, County of Riverside.

19 It seems to me that we have an opportunity at  
20 1:30 to go through and find out what we need. After  
21 we hear the presentation, it seems then we will find  
22 out if we actually need to do that, and it probably is  
23 the appropriate place to address that.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Good point.

25 Other comments? Bob?

1                   MR. BROCKMAN: In response to some of  
2                   Connell's comments, it seems to me that it would be  
3                   very difficult at this Committee level to develop  
4                   alternatives without a lot of information presented to  
5                   us in advance from staff.

6                   And I thought to some degree that's what the  
7                   work groups were set out to do, to try to look at  
8                   something at a greater level of detail whereby the  
9                   work group members and staff could have a discussion  
10                  so that that information could be brought back to the  
11                  Committee, hopefully for some ultimate  
12                  decision-making.

13                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments?

14                  Go ahead.

15                  MS. DUNNING: No. That's great. I think if  
16                  we can talk about that format and we can provide, you  
17                  know, kind of a timeline of how we are going to work  
18                  together, each of those working groups, you know. And  
19                  staff can provide additional information at the  
20                  working group level to help frame specific  
21                  alternatives. We want to make sure that those  
22                  alternatives contain language that you are supportive  
23                  of and that represent your comments fully.

24                  And that's a level that we could work a  
25                  little bit more on a sublevel. We could do that.

1 But, also, it's a very formal structure here in the  
2 way that we are sitting and the way that we have a  
3 court reporter recording everything. It seems very  
4 formal, but I also want this to be an open setting  
5 where people can throw out creative methods, creative  
6 ideas for addressing problems.

7 We have identified the problems and we have  
8 talked about them fully. At this point, we are  
9 looking for creative solutions. And so I just want  
10 this to be an open time for that, and the working  
11 groups also.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella, would you see the  
13 facilitator during the entire day? A portion of the  
14 day? How would you see it working?

15 MS. GEORGE: I would see some Committee  
16 meetings in October and December as really working  
17 days, and that's what I would see them doing, helping  
18 facilitate us through the process, through  
19 decision-making with the Advisory Committee, how you  
20 are going to make decisions on the alternatives, those  
21 sorts of things.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments?

23 My thinking was it was just premature. I  
24 felt that our work groups are just now getting in the  
25 meat of the thing. I think Bob specifically, with his

1 planning work group, he had asked for this  
2 information. It's now getting to him.

3 And the Trails Committee is just now getting  
4 an idea of the trails thinking vis-a-vis the  
5 limitations performed by the Bighorn habitat. They  
6 are talking about various choices.

7 I think Barbara also is just getting to the  
8 point here where she can get the information. I think  
9 the information coming out of the BLM Plan is very  
10 important to our work group, because it -- at least as  
11 far as I read it -- it presents the limitations. It  
12 tells what we can't do.

13 So now our work groups can take a look at  
14 this and hopefully work out suggestions on what we  
15 would like to do within those limitations.

16 And perhaps maybe the next meeting would be  
17 the best one to be facilitated because we would be  
18 coming back with information from the various work  
19 groups that could be bounced off.

20 So I am open for a trial. I was a little  
21 bothered when Danella said for the next three  
22 meetings. I don't think I would like to line it out  
23 that much. But if the Committee agrees with my  
24 contention that the work groups would be ready with  
25 information at that time and they think a facilitator

1 would be the way to best utilize that information in  
2 presenting it to the BLM and the Forest Service, we  
3 will go ahead with a facilitator on a trial at the  
4 next meeting and consider that an entire working  
5 meeting with no input from various functions. Of  
6 course, this would kind of foul us up on the  
7 Highway 74 management.

8 MS. GEORGE: We need that half hour.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So perhaps we could do  
10 that first thing.

11 Any comments on that? Yes, Barbara?

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: The only thing I would  
13 like to ask is -- what is it? Task force?

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Work groups.

15 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: The work groups. We  
16 need to know when this information needs to be back to  
17 the full Committee if we are going to be giving out  
18 any suggestions or information.

19 As a Board member, I would like to have that  
20 information ahead of the meeting. I don't want to  
21 have it that day or, you know, a few days ahead of  
22 time. I would like to have at least a week before we  
23 meet so that we know what we are talking about once we  
24 get here and have a facilitator here. I'd really like  
25 us to have that.

1                   So we need, as task force members, to know  
2 when that information needs to be back to Danella.

3                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So you are suggesting that  
4 the work groups would produce a written product of the  
5 result of their meetings a couple weeks prior to our  
6 October meeting of the Committee?

7                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Right. Just a draft of  
8 what they come up with, some solutions or some  
9 problems that they have come up with that they see  
10 from their area of what they are working on. And  
11 suggestions maybe. And then just give it to us so we  
12 know what they are looking at and what they are  
13 suggesting.

14                   And when the facilitator is here, we can work  
15 on those. And then we have maybe better ideas or --

16                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Good suggestion.

17                   Danella?

18                   MS. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, I think -- and  
19 Committee -- I think -- Connell, you can concur on  
20 this -- pretty much we have gathered most of the  
21 information except what we will gather in the  
22 follow-up workshops in the fall. We have public  
23 scoping. We have our Matrix.

24                   So is there any other information that the  
25 Committee is going to be obtaining?

1 MS. DUNNING: Yes. Potentially, public  
2 scoping period is open till October 1st. We could  
3 have all kinds of stuff that comes in. But we have a  
4 good starting point right now.

5 MS. GEORGE: So maybe we can agree that we  
6 have a break-off somewhere before September 15th to  
7 get the next batch of public comments to the Committee  
8 so the Committee is aware of them, a two-week time  
9 frame to the Committee.

10 And then what the work groups would need to  
11 do is, instead of sending those to me, bring those to  
12 this meeting place, your recommendations.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, Barbara is  
14 suggesting that they be distributed to the Committee a  
15 couple weeks prior to our meeting.

16 MS. GEORGE: Sure. That's great.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We would then send them to  
18 the DFO, and the DFO would then forward them to the  
19 entire Committee or each Committee Chair could just  
20 distribute directly to the Committee and not have to  
21 bother the DFO with that sort of thing. I think each  
22 one of our chairs has that capacity. We have e-mail  
23 with the e-mail addresses.

24 So why don't we say, then, that rather than  
25 bothering the DFO, each Committee Head no later than

1 two weeks prior to our October meeting would  
2 distribute to the entire Committee by e-mail those  
3 notes generated from their meeting or meetings between  
4 now and the October Committee meeting.

5 Agreed? Yes, Barbara?

6 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Will the task force  
7 information be the only thing that we'd be working on?  
8 If it isn't, then I'd like to make sure we have  
9 whatever information that we are going to be working  
10 off of actually be distributed by the 15th also.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We would have, according  
12 to Danella's comments, the update of public input. We  
13 already have the public input that had been received  
14 by BLM in their hearings so far. So we have that. We  
15 have the plan. We have other various pieces of  
16 information.

17 Those would be updated -- if I'm not wrong --  
18 no later than September the 15th in an updated public  
19 comment.

20 Correct, Danella?

21 MS. GEORGE: Correct. To the Committee.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So we would have all of  
23 those. And then we would have the work group results  
24 sometime before the -- give us a couple weeks before  
25 the next meeting. And that would be the basis, then,

1 for the facilitated meeting; correct?

2 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

3 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, isn't there a  
4 problem there if, in fact, the public scoping period  
5 is open till October 1st? So how are they going to  
6 incorporate the comments that come from the 15th to  
7 the 1st into a document of public comments?

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Of necessity, those would  
9 be delivered to us at the facilitated meeting, because  
10 there's no other way to do it.

11 So if there are any -- you are not planning  
12 any public meetings, are you?

13 MS. DUNNING: I mean, you have a great basis  
14 to start off right now. We have tons of comments and  
15 we have a lot of things that we can start on right  
16 now, which will be very complete. And I don't think  
17 we should hold off or be concerned that something is  
18 going to come in that will completely throw us for a  
19 loop. Anything that comes in after that, we can amend  
20 what we have already done. So I think it's okay to  
21 think of it that way.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Not on the agenda, but I  
23 want to give you the opportunity.

24 BLM and the Forest Service, any comments at  
25 this point about what you have heard? Jim? Laurie?

1 MR. KENNA: No.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Very good.

3 I think, also, Danella, I would like to add a  
4 little section early on in the meeting for comments  
5 from those two agencies in case they have something to  
6 bring forth to the Committee that we can mull over  
7 during the meeting.

8 We are a couple minutes early, but I think --  
9 is Bob Loudon here?

10 MS. ROSENTHAL: No, he's not. I left a  
11 message on his home number, but he doesn't have a cell  
12 phone and I don't know where he is.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let's skip to the Sign  
14 Tiger Team. Alex Young. "Signage Concepts for the  
15 National Monument."

16 Are you ready, Alex?

17 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: If not, we can take a  
19 couple-minute break.

20 MS. GEORGE: I have been asked by Alex to do  
21 an introduction because --

22 MS. ROSENTHAL: Hold it. Bob is here. I  
23 just want to let you know we can still change the  
24 schedule.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob, are you prepared?

1 MR. LOUDON: Oh, yes.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. You're up.

3 Bob Loudon, then, with the Highway 74  
4 National Scenic Highway closure.

5 Welcome, Bob.

6 Do you need a few minutes, Bob, to set up?

7 MR. LOUDON: I will just need just a moment  
8 here.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Committee, if you want to  
10 stretch your legs for a couple minutes.

11 (Brief recess was taken.)

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: All right. Ladies and  
13 gentlemen and the Committee, if you'd take your seats,  
14 please.

15 Our sound guru, Buford Crites, assures us  
16 that the microphones are all on now. So when you  
17 speak, please turn your microphone on. That includes  
18 the microphone there at the podium.

19 We at this section have no microphones, so we  
20 will continue to speak up.

21 MR. CRITES: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Mr. Loudon? Or  
23 Laurie? Or -- who?

24 MS. ROSENTHAL: I am just going to introduce  
25 Bob.

1           This is Bob Loudon. He is part of an  
2     Enterprise Team. And what an enterprise is is during  
3     the Gore years, we had something called "government  
4     reinvention" where we were all trying to come up with  
5     more efficient ways to run the government. And one  
6     thing that Gore felt -- and I wholeheartedly agree --  
7     is that we should be more like private business.

8           And so in the Forest Service, people are in  
9     what's called Enterprise Teams. They run like  
10    corporations. And Bob Loudon heads up one on  
11    partnerships and sustainability.

12           Bob has been an interpretive specialist for  
13    over 15 years and the San Bernardino National Forest  
14    has hired Bob to look into doing a national nomination  
15    for our scenic byway, Palms to Pines Scenic Byway.

16           The first step is to apply for a Corridor  
17    Management Plan. That's what Bob is going to talk to  
18    you about.

19           Just one last comment. I think this is  
20    something the Committee needs to decide whether you  
21    want to incorporate this into the Monument Plan as far  
22    as, "Yes, we would like to do a plan such as this, a  
23    Corridor Management Plan."

24           The other comment I just want to make is that  
25    the best way to get support for the Monument is to

1 have people have an up-close and personal experience  
2 in the monument. This includes trails and the visitor  
3 center. But the number one outdoor recreation  
4 experience, as far as I know, is still driving for  
5 pleasure. And so that's another reason why we want to  
6 look at this byway.

7 So please welcome Bob Loudon.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you.

9 Bob?

10 MR. LOUDON: Thank you, Laurie.

11 Well, yes, as Laurie said, we are looking at  
12 applying for a grant for money to prepare a Corridor  
13 Management Plan and a nomination package. And we  
14 really think of those as separate things: First of  
15 all, there's the Corridor Management Plan; and then,  
16 secondly, is the nomination package. And they aren't  
17 necessarily connected there.

18 So I put together a power point presentation  
19 just to kind of explain a little bit about the  
20 process, just a basic little presentation.

21 I didn't know this was going to be such a  
22 fancy affair here. I am used to government meetings  
23 where we just kind of get together and hang out.

24 So anyway, I will just run through this here.  
25 Palm Desert to Banning is the Palm to Pines Scenic

1 Byway, 67 miles of State Highway 74 and 243. It's a  
2 spectacular byway, of course, as we know, with five  
3 different life zones to contrast the desert to the  
4 mountains landscapes. To me, that's one of the more  
5 significant features there.

6 But, of course, there's many other things.  
7 And I really didn't get into all the parts of the  
8 byway here, but we have the newly designated Santa  
9 Rosa - San Jacinto National Monument. And it's easily  
10 accessible to urban populations. So those are some of  
11 the big features that I think of when I think of the  
12 Monument.

13 It was designated as a State Scenic Byway in  
14 1971 and '72 -- it was done in two separate segments  
15 -- and as a Forest Scenic Byway in 1973.

16 The BLM and Forest Service propose to apply  
17 for funding to develop a Corridor Management Plan and  
18 National Scenic Byway nomination package, as I  
19 mentioned there.

20 Across the country, there are 66 National  
21 Scenic Byways. Fifteen of them are All-American  
22 roads. It's really up to the states and up to the  
23 communities whether or not they are going to  
24 participate in the program. So some of the states,  
25 like Oregon, have up to eight of them. Other states

1 have none of them.

2 Each byway represents a part of the American  
3 experience. And the program is really set up to have  
4 these corridors, these scenic corridors, show off  
5 different parts of America.

6 In California, there's five different scenic  
7 byways. And I think it gives us a real idea, a good  
8 feeling for the Scenic Byway Program with the state of  
9 California because you can see the differences in the  
10 types of roads there are.

11 There's California All-American roads. And  
12 that's Route 1 up in Big Sur. And the Volcanic Legacy  
13 Scenic Byway up in Northern California. And that's  
14 actually volcanic landscape up in Northern California.  
15 There's also the California National Scenic Byway. So  
16 the All-American road is kind of the highest level you  
17 can get for designation.

18 And then there's the National Scenic Byway,  
19 which is the next step down. Of course, below that is  
20 the State Scenic Byway, which is currently what the  
21 Palms to Pine is.

22 The Arroyo Seco Historic Parkway, Route 110.  
23 I was kind of amazed to find out that that's a scenic  
24 byway there. And then up in Yosemite, there's the Big  
25 Oak Flat Road. And Death Valley is a scenic byway.

1 It has the benefits of national designation.

2 There's a number of different benefits we can  
3 think about. One is recognition, and just having  
4 people celebrating the scenic beauty and rich  
5 cultural, historic, natural heritage of our special  
6 places.

7 Next one is promotion. Inclusion on  
8 America's byways maps. As the program gets older,  
9 more and more people think about, you know, if they  
10 are going on vacation, kind of looking for National  
11 Scenic Byways to go on. The Federal Highway  
12 Administration's Web site for the National Scenic  
13 Byway Program would list it on there, and assistance  
14 from the Federal Highway Administration Byway  
15 Marketing Program.

16 Funding opportunities: There's \$25 million  
17 annually in a discretionary grant program which  
18 supports the state and nationally designated byways.  
19 The Federal Highway Administration funds up to  
20 80 percent of projects. They have matching funds with  
21 federal, state, local, and private monies, and third  
22 party in-kind donations will be considered for a  
23 match. So for a grant program, this is a great  
24 program when it comes to getting money just because  
25 you only have to have a 20 percent match, you can

1 match with other government monies. And so it's real  
2 lenient in those ways.

3 Eligible types of projects: Planning design  
4 for State Scenic Byway programs, development or  
5 implementation of the Corridor Management Plan. And  
6 it's really development of the plan itself that they  
7 are pretty lenient on providing money for for the  
8 state byways.

9 Safety improvements to scenic byways:  
10 Construction of pedestrian/bicycle/vista points and  
11 interpretive facilities. Most of that money really  
12 goes towards the National Scenic Byways; actually,  
13 half of that \$25 million that they provide that's  
14 available.

15 Other benefits: Economic development,  
16 increased visitation. Studies on the designated  
17 byways have shown an increase in visitation of 5 to  
18 20 percent. Visitors spend more time there and money  
19 while visiting the area. And tourists pick up the tab  
20 for amenities that benefit the local communities.

21 Social values: Promoting the cultural and  
22 natural resources of the area. Preserving important  
23 community-valued characteristics and creating ties  
24 within and between communities.

25 And partnerships: Creating really a catalyst

1 for building partnerships. The National Byway  
2 Resource Center provides technical assistance and  
3 service primarily to the National Scenic Byway and  
4 All-American Roads. The opportunities to participate  
5 in multibyway and multistate working groups and  
6 conferences.

7 Another benefit is preserving the special  
8 places. An opportunity to create a legacy of  
9 commitment to maintain the special places that the  
10 communities value.

11 Of course, there are impacts with all types  
12 of efforts like this. By inviting more people to the  
13 area, we have increased traffic and pressure on  
14 infrastructure and services and increased tourism that  
15 can lead to development with a potential for loss of  
16 valued character if not carefully managed.

17 Requirements for designation: Once again,  
18 for designation of a National Scenic Byway, it must be  
19 a state-designated byway, which the Palms to Pines is;  
20 it must possess one or more of the six intrinsic  
21 qualities that has a regional significance -- and I  
22 will mention what those intrinsic qualities are later  
23 -- and there's broad-based local community support for  
24 the designation.

25 And so in the grant proposal, it really needs

1 to show -- for the nomination, it needs to show that  
2 the community is behind this, because the program  
3 wants to really support efforts that the community is  
4 behind.

5 Other requirements: It meets criteria for  
6 user safety and user facilities, safely and  
7 conveniently accommodates two-wheel-drive automobiles,  
8 accommodates bike and pedestrian travel when feasible;  
9 it's as continuous as possible with minimal intrusion;  
10 and there's a completed Corridor Management Plan for  
11 the byway.

12 And that's what I am going to focus on next,  
13 is that Corridor Management Plan, because, as I say,  
14 kind of a first step in that nomination of a National  
15 Scenic Byway is development of the Corridor Management  
16 Plan.

17 The National Scenic Byway Program has the  
18 philosophy that byways are conceived by, shaped, and  
19 managed to serve the community or communities through  
20 which they pass. So the Corridor Management Plan is  
21 really the catalyst for those communities working  
22 together and for the communities to determine how they  
23 want to preserve and enhance their byway. It provides  
24 a blueprint for future enhancement and maintenance of  
25 the scenic byway and it's necessary for applying for

1 the status.

2 In the end, it demonstrates local commitment  
3 and also creates a plan to ensure ongoing public  
4 participation and maintenance of the scenic byway. It  
5 develops a strategy for maintaining the intrinsic  
6 qualities, and it prepares the schedule, including the  
7 responsibilities, the descriptions of enforcement, and  
8 the review mechanisms.

9 Corridor Management Plans address a number of  
10 different areas. They cover the physical description  
11 of the National Scenic Byway, the intrinsic qualities  
12 of the National Scenic Byway, the visitors' needs and  
13 expectations, the marketing, and the people's  
14 involvement and responsibilities.

15 Once again, the Plan really has to address  
16 how are the people going to be involved, and is there  
17 a good plan to keep the people involved? It's just  
18 not the agencies coming in and making this happen.

19 So for the physical description part of the  
20 Corridor Management Plan, it covers the general review  
21 of the road and the highway design and maintenance  
22 standards.

23 Intrinsic qualities are in the areas of  
24 archaeological, cultural, historic, natural,  
25 recreational, and scenic.

1           In the Corridor Management Plan, it addresses  
2 the -- there's an intrinsic quality assessment, an  
3 intrinsic quality management strategy, and an  
4 intrinsic quality interpretation plan.

5           Visitor needs and expectations: There's a  
6 visitor experience plan.

7           So you can kind of see that this Plan  
8 includes lots of other plans: Plan for development;  
9 plan for commerce; the sign plan; and, finally, the  
10 outdoor advertising control compliance.

11           Marketing: A narrative about the  
12 marketing/developing plan to accommodate commerce,  
13 verifying compliance to laws controlling outdoor  
14 advertising, describe a marketing plan, and  
15 demonstrating the signage plan.

16           And then, finally, the people's involvement  
17 and responsibility to the public participation plan  
18 and the responsibilities schedule, who's going to do  
19 what, when.

20           So the Corridor Management Plan process, like  
21 most planning processes, is pretty simple in what goes  
22 on there. First of all, getting the planning group  
23 together, inventorying the byway, getting community  
24 input and support, creating the plan, and putting the  
25 plan into action.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Question.

2                   MR. LOUDON: Yes?

3                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Where are you in that  
4 process?

5                   MR. LOUDON: Zero. Number 0.

6                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay.

7                   MR. LOUDON: Finally, for byway success,  
8 byways are successful when they have active byway  
9 groups that are committed for the long-term. And I  
10 just wanted to end on that. That's really what's  
11 behind the National Scenic Byway. This whole thing,  
12 it's not the agencies coming in or the federal  
13 government coming in to say, "Hey, we want to do  
14 something to the road."

15                   It's really the community stepping up to say,  
16 "We want to do something. We would like some funding  
17 to help us do that."

18                   And so what is being proposed here is applied  
19 for money for the Corridor Management Plan planning  
20 process. And so that's why I say that we are really  
21 at zero, because until we get that funding, then we  
22 don't have the resources that are necessary to go out  
23 and figure out who would be part of the planning group  
24 and inventorying the byway and, you know, developing  
25 that plan.

1           So, to me, it's a real positive thing,  
2           because we get the planning money. Because it's a  
3           state-designated byway, it's not that difficult to get  
4           the planning for the Corridor Management Plan. And I  
5           don't want to make it sound easy, but they are really  
6           looking at, you know, if it's a State-designated  
7           byway, that's where they want to give the money to, so  
8           that then it can become a National Byway. And then  
9           half the money goes to the National Byways for  
10          projects, improvement projects. Because everybody, of  
11          course, says, "Hey, here's a money source. Let's go  
12          out and get money for our visitor center or to build  
13          better pulloffs," or whatever it is, but they want it  
14          to go into that Corridor Management Plan.

15                 Like I say, then it's not -- we don't have to  
16          necessarily go for the nomination afterwards. I mean,  
17          you know, we do the Corridor Management Plan and stop  
18          at that point. So to me it's a real win/win, because  
19          it provides good planning money to get the communities  
20          together to work with them, to develop a good plan for  
21          what's going to go on alongside the byway, and then  
22          the nomination process happens. And, of course, we  
23          wouldn't know what happens there. It kind of depends  
24          on the outcome of that planning process.

25                 So --

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Time frame?

2                   MR. LOUDON: Well, let me see. I think the  
3 grant is due to be submitted in, like, March or April,  
4 somewhere in there.

5                   And so you get the money the next January.  
6 So we would be looking to apply next March. Maybe  
7 it's even as far as May. Somewhere in that late  
8 spring period there. And then we get the money the  
9 next May.

10                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Next May or January?

11                  MR. LOUDON: I am sorry. Next January.  
12 Yes. Yes.

13                  And then the nomination process -- they only  
14 select new byways every two years. And so this past  
15 year was selected. So in a sense, there's two years  
16 before they work on nominating new byways, selecting  
17 the byways.

18                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: If you were to get the  
19 money in January of 2004, then how long would the  
20 planning process be expected to take before you have a  
21 plan in hand?

22                  MR. LOUDON: I would expect a minimum of a  
23 year. And we actually haven't gone through, fully  
24 time-lined out exactly what we want to do, but it is a  
25 pretty lengthy process there, so maybe even a year and

1 a half.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions of the  
3 Committee?

4 MR. FREET: You indicated that --

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Give your name, first,  
6 please.

7 MR. FREET: Bary Freet.

8 You indicated that you can apply for the  
9 grant as a match. Can you use other federal monies as  
10 a match?

11 MR. LOUDON: Yes.

12 MR. FREET: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

14 MS. HENDERSON: Some clarification, if I  
15 could, please. Terry Henderson, La Quinta.

16 I believe, as I understand, what you are here  
17 today presenting is the opportunity for this group to  
18 be the group that would apply for the grant?

19 MR. LOUDON: Well, I think it would be the  
20 agency. It would be the BLM and the Forest Service  
21 applying for the grant itself.

22 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. All right. So have  
23 you been before them to see if that's what they want  
24 to do?

25 MR. LOUDON: Yes.

1 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. Now you are seeing if  
2 we want to participate in that process?

3 MR. LOUDON: I believe so. And maybe  
4 Danella and Laurie can --

5 MS. GEORGE: Bob gave a presentation to BLM  
6 and he has given a presentation to the High- -- let me  
7 turn that off -- the Highway 74 group on this. And we  
8 wanted to bring it to the Advisory Committee.

9 And we do have an action. And the action  
10 would be yes, with the Advisory Committee support,  
11 going forward with the next steps that Bob has shown,  
12 to go after the grant proposal for the Corridor  
13 Management Plan and to look at the National Scenic  
14 Byway.

15 And Enterprise Team would be --

16 MR. LOUDON: Right.

17 MS. GEORGE: -- the folks doing this.

18 MS. HENDERSON: I guess I'm still trying to  
19 clear up the -- you say there is an action before us?

20 MS. GEORGE: Right. Do you support this?  
21 Do you, the Monument Advisory Committee, support the  
22 steps that Bob has shown of going after grant money?

23 You explain it, Bob, what you need support  
24 for.

25 MR. LOUDON: Yes. As I explained, the

1 National Scenic Byway Program is a very  
2 community-driven effort. A scenic byway isn't going  
3 to become a National Scenic Byway unless the community  
4 supports the whole idea.

5 And so the Forest Service and the BLM are  
6 proposing to go after monies for the Corridor  
7 Management Plan, but it makes sense to check with  
8 larger groups like you folks to find out, "Are you  
9 behind this?" Because if you're not, then, obviously,  
10 you know, we shouldn't take on the effort here. It  
11 doesn't make sense.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Then is some portion of this  
13 in conflict with what I'm hearing coming out of the  
14 recently developed Highway 74 group which is really  
15 doing every effort they can to get bicycles off of 74?

16 MS. GEORGE: That's a very good question.

17 MR. LOUDON: Right.

18 MS. GEORGE: And not to surprise you, Bob,  
19 but that is an issue. They are trying to get bicycles  
20 off.

21 Are you familiar with any other scenic byways  
22 that have had to struggle with that?

23 MR. LOUDON: I'm not. And I don't know how  
24 to address that exactly. I know that the program is  
25 set up for the local community to decide how they want

1 to run their scenic byway.

2 I was kind of surprised by some of these  
3 requirements I ran across that we talked about, you  
4 know, having access. But I was also surprised to find  
5 out that the I-10, which runs through Los Angeles, is  
6 a scenic byway. And I can't imagine there's a lot of  
7 bicycles on the I-10, although it would be safe  
8 because people are kind of sitting on the I-10 so  
9 there's not a lot of movement.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Touche.

11 MR. LOUDON: But anyway, I mean, I don't  
12 think that that's -- if there's not bicycles on the  
13 road, I really don't think that that's going to end  
14 the process there. And like I say, the whole process  
15 is set up for the community to decide what do they  
16 need, you know, as part of this scenic byway to make  
17 it successful.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara?

19 MS. HENDERSON: At what point do you start  
20 getting paid and by who?

21 MR. LOUDON: Well, I'm not like an external  
22 consultant. I am an internal consultant to the Forest  
23 Service, so I always get paid.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. Fair enough.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Barbara?

1 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Barbara Lyons.

2 I was just wondering. Is it letters of  
3 support that you are needing for this grant that you  
4 are trying to go after? Or is it the tribes or the  
5 cities putting up their federal funds as matching  
6 grant funds? Or is it, you know, monies?

7 MR. LOUDON: Well, I mean, that's something  
8 I don't know the answer to, because, once again, I'd  
9 have to defer back to Laurie and Danella exactly for  
10 the financial dealings.

11 I know from the letter of support and -- I  
12 mean, right now, because we are still a ways off from  
13 when we apply, we don't need the letters of support  
14 yet, but if we do decide to go ahead with that, then  
15 it is going to help us to have letters of support from  
16 the different community groups.

17 So I guess the short answer is eventually we  
18 would be looking for letters of support, but that's  
19 not our intention today to get those, really.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Allan?

21 MR. MUTH: It strikes me that many of the --  
22 Al Muth, University of California -- many of the  
23 elements of the Corridor Management Plan that you  
24 showed on the screen are things that we need to  
25 incorporate in the Management Plan anyway. The

1 highway, you can't avoid it. It bisects the Monument.  
2 So we need to address those issues.

3 But not having heard from Caltrans this  
4 morning, the community input that I have heard from  
5 most folks is that they don't want more traffic on  
6 there, they don't really need the additional influx of  
7 visitors.

8 I can support a Corridor Management Plan, but  
9 that location for a National Scenic Byway designation,  
10 my feeling is it would be premature at this time and  
11 I'm not sure it would be community supported.

12 Other input?

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

14 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, City of Palm  
15 Desert.

16 If you look at some of the elements you have  
17 listed, like the Big Sur Highway and Death Valley,  
18 both of those, I suspect, the primary number of folks  
19 that are using those roads are people that are looking  
20 at recreation. There's not an enormous population  
21 along the Big Sur coast, there isn't a huge local  
22 population in Death Valley, and people aren't using  
23 either of those roads as a commuter road. You know,  
24 if you want to get from one end of Big Sur to the  
25 other, you could damn well go to Arizona and go up and

1       come back as well as go up Highway 1.

2                   This road is heavily used by commuters,  
3 heavily used by people who are going from the coast to  
4 the Coachella Valley. And the thought of putting 5 to  
5 20 percent of additional traffic on a road whose  
6 primary business will be to stop and look on an  
7 existing dangerous road is, I think, a pretty darn  
8 foolish idea, to be honest.

9                   I think I agree with Al. We need a  
10 Management Plan, but something that just automatically  
11 sticks another 20 percent of people on the road that  
12 is not like most of the other roads that you have  
13 noted at all doesn't seem to me to be a very good  
14 idea.

15                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff?

16                   MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan, Sierra Club.

17                   MS. GEORGE: Push the button, the red  
18 button.

19                   MR. MORGAN: Okay. I will just speak up  
20 anyway. Jeff Morgan, Sierra Club.

21                   Have you done any prior consultation with the  
22 people who live in Pinyon and Garner Valley,  
23 Idyllwild, places like that? Have you any kind of  
24 local support for what you are planning?

25                   MR. LOUDON: We know that -- you know, the

1 last plan that was -- or the last designation that was  
2 done was the Forest Service designation in 1993. And  
3 most of those communities did write letters of support  
4 for that.

5 And I am not sure what goes on in the State  
6 designations to make it a State Scenic Byway. So I  
7 don't know, you know, if that was a process involving  
8 local communities. So that would be the only  
9 knowledge I have of their support.

10 MR. MORGAN: I would make a further comment  
11 that since the studies were done for that, whenever it  
12 was -- it was prior to 1993 -- traffic on Highway 74  
13 has increased significantly. And until they can  
14 somehow make Highway 74 safer and improve it in some  
15 ways, I don't think we should be encouraging any more  
16 cars --

17 MR. LOUDON: Right.

18 MR. MORGAN: -- on Highway 74. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments? Bob?

20 MR. BROCKMAN: Bob Brockman, Rancho Mirage.

21 In your experience, do many of the scenic  
22 byways that have been designated go through National  
23 Parks and National Monuments?

24 MR. LOUDON: Yes. I would say most of them  
25 do. I mean, there's, you know, some that are oriented

1 to kind of rural lands and, you know, farm areas,  
2 things like that, but as you saw from here, you know,  
3 we had Death Valley, we had Yosemite, Big Sur has the  
4 Los Padres National Forest right next to it, and  
5 that's why there is a special designation through the  
6 National Forest System, just because so many of them  
7 are going through National Forests, National Parks,  
8 and BLM areas.

9 MR. BROCKMAN: The reason I ask is it seems  
10 to me that the projected traffic increase of 5 to  
11 20 percent might apply to a lesser degree where you  
12 have a destination being a National Park or a National  
13 Monument already in place, and that the added traffic  
14 simply because of a designated byway may not be as  
15 great as we think.

16 Having said that, I still think we need to  
17 address the bigger issue of, Is the National Monument  
18 going to attract more visitors? And most of those  
19 visitors will, of course, be on Highway 74 and 243.

20 So I am not sure that this alone is that much  
21 of an added impact to what we have already got going.

22 MR. LOUDON: Right.

23 MR. BROCKMAN: My last question, I guess, is  
24 for Danella. Would it be appropriate on this subject  
25 only to open it up for any public comment?

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have that ability, yes.

2                   MR. BROCKMAN: I think a number of us are  
3 concerned about how some of the public may feel. And  
4 if there's anyone here who might want to speak on just  
5 this subject, I'd like to hear what is said.

6                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Committee comments?

7                   MR. LYMAN: Bob Lyman, County of Riverside.

8                   I think one thing that needs to be addressed  
9 after hearing everybody, I would assume that as you go  
10 through and you begin looking at this byway, that the  
11 service level does not drop; if that's a Service  
12 Level D road designation, it doesn't drop to something  
13 else; or if it's a Service Level C currently, it  
14 doesn't drop to a Service Level D.

15                   Is that part of this?

16                   MR. LOUDON: I am not sure what you are  
17 referring to.

18                   MR. LYMAN: Roads in California are  
19 designated -- State of California rates their roads by  
20 a service level. It's an A, B, C, D, E. If the  
21 designation is currently a D service level, is that  
22 taken in account, and for whatever plans are made it  
23 doesn't decrease that level of service of that road?

24                   MR. LOUDON: Yes. And I'm not familiar with  
25 the whole, you know, Caltrans road maintenance side of

1 things.

2 I do know that, you know, this program is  
3 maintained by Caltrans. And so it's the Caltrans  
4 office that I deal with when it comes to this. They  
5 are the ones who take the application, forward it on,  
6 make a recommendation as to whether they support it as  
7 an organization. And so, you know, it's not the  
8 federal agencies working with the Federal Highway  
9 Administration. I mean, it's through Caltrans.

10 But, yes, like I say, I really don't -- I  
11 can't assume that it would change.

12 MR. LYMAN: But is that part of the plan? I  
13 guess my question is if we begin going down this road,  
14 is there a caveat that is included in this process  
15 that says, "Once we get to the point that says the  
16 service level decreases, it's not a good idea"?

17 MR. LOUDON: Right. I mean, you know, the  
18 whole planning process is figuring out what do we want  
19 to do with this road to help it be a better place for  
20 people to enjoy the landscape? And do we need to --  
21 you know, to me, the planning process is based upon  
22 figuring out all those safety issues that everybody  
23 talks about and, you know, how can we make it safer  
24 and what do we need to do that with?

25 And so, you know, there's the whole

1 interpretive side of, you know, what can we provide to  
2 aid people in their learning and understanding the  
3 landscape, but safety is a major part of it. So that  
4 is addressed in there, how to do that.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara?

6 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yes. Barbara Lyons,  
7 Agua Caliente.

8 The other thing, just going along with what  
9 Bill was saying, is that once you maybe get a  
10 designation of, you know, the scenic highway or  
11 whatever, will there be funding later to maintain it?  
12 Not just getting the grants now, but will there be  
13 ability to continue funding that area to maintain  
14 those roads, maintain the area in there? Or is it  
15 just that one-time shot?

16 MR. LOUDON: No. And that's kind of the  
17 whole reason behind getting the national designation,  
18 is because then there's more money available to you to  
19 get for dealing with things like those safety issues,  
20 you know, building the turnouts, building a visitor  
21 center, building interpretive signs, whatever types of  
22 things that have been identified in the Corridor  
23 Management Plan.

24 And that's what they want you to follow. And  
25 in the future you can get funding for doing the

1 projects that you've had identified.

2 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling, Pinyon Community  
3 Council.

4 I know that you have made a presentation to  
5 the Highway 74 Committee, and if you would stay  
6 closely coordinated with Barbara Bergman, who is aware  
7 of the community feelings, the problems and nuances of  
8 the highway, that would make your effort more  
9 productive.

10 MR. LOUDON: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments from the  
12 Committee?

13 The thing that I hear getting lost is that I  
14 believe you made a comment that when we do this plan,  
15 we don't have to go for the national; we can remain on  
16 the state designation.

17 Secondly, I think I heard you say that this  
18 Plan can contain anything we want, and what you hear  
19 from the Committee is that perhaps the Plan might  
20 leave the road as it is, but designate the money for  
21 safety, i.e., better bicycle trails alongside the  
22 road, better turnouts on the road, better signage on  
23 the road.

24 So it would seem to me that there might be  
25 some value to the application for the planning grant

1 with the understanding that it be safety based and not  
2 expansion based and with the understanding that we  
3 would remain with the State designation, which I think  
4 I also heard that a State-designated highway can  
5 receive monies, maintenance monies and so on as a  
6 State-designated highway from the federal government.  
7 Is that correct?

8 MR. LOUDON: It can receive, but the  
9 situation is that it doesn't often. I mean, you know,  
10 when you ask, "Can this happen?" Yes, it can happen.  
11 Has it ever happened? Well, no, not really. Because  
12 they always put the money into Corridor Management  
13 Plans.

14 And so there is \$25 million available  
15 annually, but, you know, across 50 states, that really  
16 doesn't end up being that much money. So half of that  
17 money goes to the nationally designated ones, and then  
18 the rest of it is available and, like I say, usually  
19 goes towards the Corridor Management Plan.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments before we  
21 ask for public comments? Yes?

22 MR. GRAFTON: It would seem to me that this  
23 is pretty much a win/win situation, at least in the  
24 first part. Because, you know, the State doesn't have  
25 money to do any planning efforts up here. The

1 Monument doesn't have any money. And really,  
2 realistically, for a major planning effort like our  
3 National Monument plan, you would need some type of  
4 strategy for this road.

5           And here they have the ability to get grants,  
6 undertake a planning effort with a lot of local  
7 support, and if, at a later date, the local  
8 communities up here decide enough is enough, we don't  
9 go on. But at least you have the money to undertake a  
10 planning effort to really do a really good job up  
11 here. And I think this is a way of doing it.

12           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Terry?

13           MS. HENDERSON: I keep hearing reference to  
14 this \$25 million annually. Is that \$25 million  
15 subject, like every other million dollars at the  
16 federal level and the state level, to the adoption of  
17 the budget?

18           MR. LOUDON: I think I understand. You are  
19 saying is this always going to be there, the \$25  
20 million?

21           MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

22           MR. LOUDON: I don't know.

23           MS. HENDERSON: So it's not necessarily that  
24 it's available yearly. It's available yearly based on  
25 the adopted budget?

1                   MR. LOUDON: Yes. I mean, it's a program  
2 that has up movement and it seems like it's going to  
3 continue, but, as we know, it could just go away. And  
4 to me, in my personal opinion, that's not necessarily  
5 the reason to develop a Corridor Management Plan,  
6 because, to me, developing a Corridor Management Plan  
7 just helps us better manage that corridor, and we've  
8 got a lot of money to bring staff time in, to do  
9 community meetings, and to do the work that we need to  
10 do for that. And if we become a scenic byway, then  
11 that's an extra bonus there.

12                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is there anyone in the  
13 audience who would care to make comments? If you do,  
14 please keep them brief and to the point; that is, the  
15 Management Plan and what you've heard today.

16                   Is there anyone? Please step to the  
17 microphone. Identify yourself even if you have spoken  
18 previously.

19                   MS. BERGMAN: Yes. I am Barbara Bergman. I  
20 also am on the Pinyon Community Council, and I have  
21 worked on Committee 74.

22                   I do have one question. I was taking notes.  
23 I am asking about the safety issue. He said that this  
24 road, part of the requirements was that this road  
25 needed to be safe and had to pass some sort of safety

1 requirements. And I put, "Specifically, what are  
2 those? What are the safety requirements? What are  
3 the statistics that would designate this road to come  
4 under this Corridor Management Plan?"

5 So I would like an answer to that.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob, why don't you stay at  
7 the podium and respond to these as they come up.

8 MR. LOUDON: I would like to check into that  
9 a little bit more. To me, my understanding is that to  
10 get money for a Corridor Management Plan, you have to  
11 be a State-designated Scenic Byway, which it is that.  
12 And so to become a National Designated Scenic Byway,  
13 then it has to meet, you know, some of these other  
14 requirements. But that's what the Corridor Management  
15 Plan is all about. Like I say, we are not doing the  
16 nomination package right now. We are looking at the  
17 planning process.

18 MS. BERGMAN: Well, I think it's a good idea  
19 to plan this corridor management -- you know, the  
20 planning sounds real good. I am wondering about -- I  
21 heard "community support." What would you do, Bob, if  
22 you went up to Pinyon and presented it at a Community  
23 Council and the local community just said, "No"?

24 Because I've got questions. You know, what  
25 community? Palm Desert may love this idea. And

1 Indian Wells may love it. The one community that this  
2 74 runs through may hate it. And what would you do?  
3 Would that stop the process right then and there?

4 MR. LOUDON: You know, to me, I would think  
5 we'd want to look at it as we've got a National  
6 Monument, we've got a scenic byway. How is it that  
7 that's going to be dealt with, this corridor? And  
8 what is it that can make the future better for  
9 everybody here? What types of things do we want to  
10 do?

11 So, I mean, I wouldn't think the community  
12 would say, "Well, we are going to get rid of this road  
13 altogether." I mean, the road is going to be there.  
14 So how can we make the road better? It seems like the  
15 Corridor Management Plan, the job of that plan is to  
16 figure out what kinds of things it is. First of all,  
17 make the big list and then make the short list of what  
18 do we want to accomplish first and second and third.

19 MS. BERGMAN: I will go back to my notes  
20 again on the benefits.

21 The benefit was that it would draw people to  
22 come look around. And as Buford stated, this is not a  
23 looky-loo road. It just will not support it.

24 You know, in my planning with Caltrans, and  
25 with Tim Watkins, who I wish was here today, he did

1 state that a lot of the local control would be taken  
2 away. A process like this would put you at a level of  
3 not one-on-one phone conversation working on 74 to  
4 benefit it. There's a little fear there in that, you  
5 know, you did say you work with Caltrans. I would  
6 like a little more information exactly. Is that  
7 specifically who you work with or does the federal  
8 government come in in some way to manage the highway?  
9 And is there then a lot less communication? There's a  
10 lot going on.

11 Our contact with Tim Watkins and Caltrans is  
12 reestablished. He was on your committee. We lost  
13 him, and he's back. I don't think a lot of people  
14 here know that the Vista Point now is going to be  
15 under construction and will be rerenovated with a --  
16 look into the safety. And this was part of 74  
17 Committee impetus, I think. In effect, it would put  
18 more tension on the highway.

19 We look to do our memorial. I spoke about  
20 that in the last meeting in conjunction with Caltrans.  
21 Caltrans also has stated that they are looking at  
22 these, you know, pull-out areas and increased signage.  
23 So there's a lot of that being undertaken now by  
24 Caltrans. And I would want to keep that in mind.

25 Like I said, you know, I feel real good about

1 a Corridor Management Plan, but I don't want to spend  
2 money on something that's already slated by Caltrans  
3 to be done in two years. So I think we need Caltrans  
4 here in a big way to see, you know, where are they  
5 headed and where do we want to head and not waste  
6 money on two things at the same time.

7 MR. LOUDON: Yes. And I think, obviously,  
8 when it comes to safety issues and, you know, the road  
9 itself, Caltrans is going to be heavily involved.  
10 It's not my understanding that BLM or Forest Service  
11 is going to do any work on the road itself. And I  
12 don't know who else there would be to do that.

13 So when it comes to control of what goes on  
14 there, the only way that the Scenic Byway Program has  
15 control of anything is that they got a pot of money.  
16 The community puts together a Corridor Management Plan  
17 saying, "We want to do these things." The only  
18 control they have is to say, "Well, if you do those  
19 things, then we will give you some money. If you  
20 don't do those things, which you came up with and said  
21 you wanted to do, then we won't give you the money  
22 that you asked for."

23 So, I mean, there's no heavy-handed coming in  
24 and saying, "You've got to do this. You've got to do  
25 that." It's the community that comes up with the

1 plan, says, "We want to do it," and it's only up to  
2 the National Scenic Byway program to say, "Well, if  
3 you want some money, you've" --

4 MS. BERGMAN: Then can I ask this: The  
5 people, the community, on this Plan, on the Management  
6 Plan, will you be electing people? Will you be asking  
7 for people who want to be on this? Will you be  
8 selecting -- what is that process?

9 MR. LOUDON: Yes. And as I mentioned, we  
10 are still at the zero step process. So until we apply  
11 for the money, we haven't developed a plan for the  
12 planning process.

13 But we would want it to be as open as  
14 possible and get as many people involved as possible  
15 up to the point of, you know, it becoming  
16 unmanageable.

17 MS. BERGMAN: Well, what is the process,  
18 then? Are you going to present the process to the  
19 Committee?

20 MR. LOUDON: Yes. Yes.

21 MS. BERGMAN: Okay. I just have one more.  
22 This 20 percent matching funds, is this something  
23 that's taxable? Is it something we will see written  
24 into a ballot or -- you know, local members? Is it  
25 Palm Desert paying? Is it Pinyon paying? Who exactly

1 covers that 20 percent?

2 MR. LOUDON: As I mentioned, I'd have to  
3 defer to Danella and Laurie on that. It will be, of  
4 course, the BLM applying for the grant and taking the  
5 lead on figuring on where the match will come from.  
6 Some of that can come from in-kind services so  
7 people's time involved in the process could be put in  
8 there, which, to me, is very lenient for a grant like  
9 this.

10 And then I would guess that some comes from  
11 BLM, but, like I said, I can't state --

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara, I think you've  
13 got --

14 MS. BERGMAN: Yes, I would just like to  
15 suggest --

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I just want to give some  
17 other people --

18 MS. BERGMAN: -- that Bob come to one of our  
19 community meetings -- it's the second Monday of each  
20 month -- and then we report back what the community  
21 responds.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: There were some other  
23 hands.

24 Ready? Please identify yourself.

25 MS. CADY: Good afternoon. My name is Gayle

1 Cady. I live in the community of Vista Santa Rosa. I  
2 have a couple of questions for the gentleman that did  
3 the presentation.

4 On access to this byway area, predominantly,  
5 from what I'm overhearing, we are talking about going  
6 to the mountain from the Palm Desert area on  
7 Highway 74. I would like to point out that, first of  
8 all, Highway 74 is a very dangerous, windy road with  
9 many drop-offs and hardly a scenic area to be observed  
10 by people while you are driving up the mountain.

11 I have had the pleasure of being in Glacier  
12 National Park that also has several drop-offs.  
13 However, it is a national scenic area. You will  
14 notice, if you had an opportunity to be there, along  
15 each road and each curve is a wall. The roads are  
16 narrow, they are very windy, there's major drop-offs,  
17 but there are walls so that you don't go off the road.  
18 There are also turnouts.

19 Something that I wanted to bring to the  
20 attention of the gentleman speaking is that Highway 74  
21 is intersected with Highway 79, 371, as well as a road  
22 up to Idyllwild. You can also come up the back way to  
23 the Santa Rosa Mountains and Idyllwild from Banning,  
24 Beaumont, San Jacinto, et cetera. I am just wondering  
25 if the other communities involved, such as Anza,

1 Temecula, Rancho California, Banning, Beaumont,  
2 San Jacinto, are also included in your presentation,  
3 because, obviously, they are going to be affected by  
4 not only the traffic but the safety issues.

5           And I also feel that -- and perhaps this has  
6 already been done, but -- a definite traffic study as  
7 far as access and entrance and exit to Highway 74 --  
8 predominantly on the windy, dangerous area from the  
9 mountains up to Sugarloaf area -- a traffic study  
10 needs to be done for existing traffic and travel.

11           Thank you.

12           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob, would you please  
13 respond to the question as to the public; if other  
14 communities would be involved in the process?

15           MR. LOUDON: Right. Yes. Definitely, other  
16 communities would be involved. There's two  
17 State-designated scenic byways which run from Banning  
18 all the way here to Palm Desert. So it's -- 274? Is  
19 that the number?

20           MS. GEORGE: 243.

21           MR. LOUDON: -- 243 and 74. And so it  
22 includes both of those. Those were put under one  
23 designation as a National Forest Scenic Byway. And so  
24 that's the Palm to Pines Scenic Byway.

25           And so all the communities that are along

1     there -- so starting with Banning, Idyllwild -- all  
2     the way down to here would definitely be involved.  
3     And then we'd be looking at other communities, you  
4     know, depending on how involved, how impacted they  
5     would be by that.

6                 MS. CADY:  The \$25 million for the  
7     allocation, is that for the one scenic byway to  
8     include 243 and 74?  Or is it \$25 million for each  
9     stretch of road?  Is it predicated on the community  
10    application?  How many \$25 million packages are  
11    available for this particular scenic byway?

12                MR. LOUDON:  The short answer would be no,  
13    because the \$25 million is available for the entire  
14    Scenic Byway Program in the country.  So that's for  
15    all the different scenic byways.  Half of that goes to  
16    projects on currently designated National Scenic  
17    Byways -- which there's 66 of them -- and then the  
18    other half just kind of split over everything else.

19                And, like I mentioned, most of that goes  
20    towards planning efforts on the State-designated  
21    highways.  And so realistically, the thing that we  
22    have the best shot at right now to find the money for  
23    is Corridor Management Plan.

24                We did actually put in a Scenic Byway Grant  
25    for redevelopment of the visitor center up in

1 Idyllwild. And there's a chance we would get some  
2 money for exhibits for that, but, you know, it's a  
3 little bit of a long shot there, because, as I  
4 mentioned, most of the money goes towards Corridor  
5 Management Plans for State-designated byways.

6 MS. CADY: I agree with the Panel in that I  
7 think our predominant and most important issue with  
8 regards to additional travel would be the safety  
9 issue.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you very much.

11 Anyone else?

12 Yes, sir? Please identify yourself.

13 MR. VALUER: My name is George Valuer, and I  
14 am part --

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: How do you spell the last  
16 name?

17 MR. VALUER: V- -- as in Victor --  
18 -a-l-u-e-r. And I own property in Pinyon. And I am a  
19 member of Committee 74.

20 And I defer to Barbara in her eloquent  
21 request there. I just feel the need to bring to bear  
22 the point that Highway 74 is also a corridor for  
23 commuting, as this gentleman over here said. And I  
24 saw a flyer from a committee in Riverside rating  
25 funds. I'm sure it came in the mail. There are other

1 people looking at that road. There are other uses.  
2 And so Highway 74 has other aspects than just the  
3 access to the Monument. And that needs to be  
4 recognized.

5 As far as the question on the table, I think  
6 that money for planning is a necessary factor.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you, sir.

9 Anyone else? Thank you for the public input.

10 The question, then, before the Committee and  
11 motion would be as to whether we, as a Committee  
12 advising the National Monument, would feel that a  
13 planning effort would assist the formation of the  
14 Monument.

15 I think that would be a fair statement.  
16 Danella, is that what we are looking for?

17 MS. GEORGE: Well, I thought it was a  
18 decision by the Advisory Committee, just a decision to  
19 support or not to support going after the grant for  
20 looking at it as a National Scenic Byway.

21 It's two -- isn't it two-step --

22 MR. LOUDON: Yes.

23 MS. GEORGE: As well as just the Corridor  
24 Management Plan? So it would be just Committee  
25 support, trying to get the funding for the Corridor

1 Management Plan. And what Laurie asked, the Committee  
2 to have that Corridor Management Plan be incorporated  
3 in -- a reference, something we are going to do, an  
4 action within the Monument Management Plan, but it  
5 will take several years to do that. So there would be  
6 that question.

7 Two, the National Scenic Byway supporting  
8 going after the funding to look at a National Scenic  
9 Byway for Highway 74. So either both of them or just  
10 one of them.

11 Is that correct?

12 MR. LOUDON: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And the Chair would  
14 entertain a motion if one is out there.

15 Terry?

16 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Kibbey, I will make a  
17 motion to support the application for a grant for the  
18 CMP. That's the Corridor Management Plan. If that  
19 gets a second, then I'd like to comment.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do we have a second to  
21 that motion?

22 MR. GRAFTON: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have a second.

24 Go ahead and comment.

25 MS. HENDERSON: The reason that I would

1 support the application is based --

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Wait a minute. I should  
3 say Larry Grafton was the second. I'm sorry.

4 MS. HENDERSON: Based on the fact that the  
5 highway exists, it has a designation, it goes through  
6 an area that we are sitting here the first Saturday of  
7 every other month discovering and trying to create the  
8 future for, we are going to have to do this anyway, it  
9 does not mean that I am supporting additional traffic  
10 or usage, but we have to have a plan. And if there is  
11 availability of funds, we have to apply for them.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments on the  
13 motion?

14 MR. FREET: Just a comment. I will be  
15 supportive of that, but any application needs to use  
16 the proper title of the Monument. And the  
17 presentation electronically and in writing is not  
18 complete. And so I would advise that we use the  
19 proper title of the Monument in our application.

20 MS. HENDERSON: I am not quite sure I  
21 understand that, because I thought the application was  
22 going in through the BLM and we were merely showing  
23 support for it.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's my understanding as  
25 well, Bary.

1                   MR. FREET: So the question is, then, we  
2 would not reference that it's related to the Santa  
3 Rosa - San Jacinto Mountains National Monument?

4                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I believe that the motion  
5 was that the Committee, which is properly named as  
6 such, would support the application for the grant  
7 money.

8                   Is that correct?

9                   MS. HENDERSON: That's correct. And,  
10 obviously, our name would clearly be on there as the  
11 supporters of that application.

12                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff?

13                  MR. MORGAN: Yes. Which agency or agencies  
14 will be making the application, while everyone is  
15 trying to clarify it? Would it be the BLM and the  
16 Forest Service? Would it be the National Monument?  
17 Whose name will be on the application for the grant?

18                  MR. LOUDON: Yes. And we were trying to do  
19 that through both agencies as a joint thing, but,  
20 obviously, the money has to go to one agency or  
21 another. So we were kind of exploring how we would do  
22 that.

23                  Because the Monument is run by both agencies,  
24 we wanted the grant to go in from both agencies, but  
25 we have to figure out kind of the administrative side

1 of that.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments on the  
3 motion?

4 Danella, you had a comment on the motion?

5 MS. GEORGE: Bob just answered that one, was  
6 that administrative funding but also the naming. I  
7 just want to make it clear. When this Committee votes  
8 to support the Corridor Management Plan, and when you  
9 apply for the Grant, will you be able to incorporate  
10 the name "Corridor Management Plan for the Santa  
11 Rosa - San Jacinto Mountains National Monument"?

12 MR. LOUDON: One more time on the question.

13 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think it was a  
15 statement.

16 MS. GEORGE: What I am trying to do is  
17 clarify what I think I heard Terry ask and Bary ask,  
18 and that is as you came to Committee today, it was  
19 Corridor Management Plan for a National Scenic Byway  
20 for Highway 243 and Highway 74 and a Corridor  
21 Management Plan for those two highways.

22 MR. LOUDON: Right.

23 MS. GEORGE: To clearly state in the  
24 Corridor Management Plan aspect -- not the National  
25 Scenic Byway, but the Corridor Management Plan Grant

1 Proposal -- that you are requesting dollars for, that  
2 you spell out that that would be part of the Santa  
3 Rosa - San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

4 MR. LOUDON: Okay.

5 MS. GEORGE: Does that make sense now?

6 MR. LOUDON: I still don't have it  
7 100 percent, but -- sorry.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think it's an  
9 administrative detail.

10 MS. GEORGE: Yes. I think what they are  
11 asking, the two folks I've heard, is they want to make  
12 sure that what they are going to support is a Corridor  
13 Management Plan of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto  
14 Mountains National Monument and not just a National  
15 Scenic Byway.

16 MR. LOUDON: But it's a Corridor Management  
17 Plan for the Palms to Pines Scenic Byway, which only  
18 part of it runs through the Monument. And there's all  
19 the other back side of that hill going down towards  
20 Banning, you know, which isn't part of the Monument,  
21 is my understanding.

22 MS. GEORGE: So understanding that this  
23 Committee is commenting on the Monument, you would  
24 need to definitely spell out that the support is  
25 coming from this Committee for the portion in that

1 Management Plan that addresses the Santa Rosa -  
2 San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I don't believe that was  
4 the motion. The motion was to support the Management  
5 Plan, which would include the entire length of the  
6 highway.

7 MR. LOUDON: Right.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And then I would just make  
9 a comment that it would, of course, benefit the  
10 National Monument. Is that correct, Terry?

11 MS. HENDERSON: The motion was to support  
12 the application for the funding for the CMP, and a  
13 significant portion of that runs through the Monument.

14 MR. LOUDON: Right.

15 MS. HENDERSON: And I think it would be  
16 extremely wise for the group to support the entire  
17 plan. What good is it to only support that part  
18 within the Monument, and outside of that may go in  
19 some different direction, which doesn't make sense?  
20 So I would say from Point A to Point B.

21 MR. LOUDON: Right. And that's the whole  
22 idea behind the planning process, is to kind of  
23 connect the areas there and, you know, make it a  
24 corridor, an experience for people to drive from one  
25 end of it to the other. And so that's kind of

1 necessary.

2 MS. HENDERSON: I suggest we don't stress  
3 "make it an experience for people to drive."

4 MR. LOUDON: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry, for clarity  
6 purposes, would you restate your motion, please?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. I made a motion to  
8 support the application for a grant to prepare a CMP,  
9 Corridor Management Plan, for the designated Route 74,  
10 Highway 111, which is a --

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Forget Highway 111.

12 MS. HENDERSON: I am sorry -- 74 and 243,  
13 which is already a State-designated Scenic Highway.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does the second agree with  
15 that?

16 MR. GRAFTON: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Without further  
18 discussion, those in favor say, "Aye."

19 (Vote.)

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any opposed?

21 The motion passes.

22 You have our support. Thank you very much  
23 for your presentation.

24 MS. GEORGE: Can we thank Bob with a coffee  
25 mug?

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Oh, yes. Give him a  
2 coffee mug.

3                   Yes, sir, Buford?

4                   MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, City of Palm  
5 Desert.

6                   It should be noted for the record that there  
7 was not a motion in support for any application having  
8 to do with a designation.

9                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's correct.

10                  MR. CRITES: Thank you.

11                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And I guess I should  
12 ask -- I thought it was a given, but maybe not -- is  
13 there someone who would like to make further motions  
14 in this regard?

15                  Okay. While we are getting our next  
16 presenter up, we will take a two-minute break for  
17 finger stretching for our reporter.

18                  (Brief recess was taken.)

19                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Committee members, if we  
20 can resume our seating.

21                  Okay. Back on the record.

22                  Danella, are you going to make a presentation  
23 first? Or introduction.

24                  MS. GEORGE: This is Alex Young. Alex Young  
25 is a Bureau Landscape Architect for the Bureau of Land

1 Management. He has worked with issues of signage for  
2 a variety of different BLM offices. He provides input  
3 to them. And I was directed -- or I think there was  
4 an agreement at a meeting that we had back in January  
5 with Forest Supervisor Jim Kenna and -- who else was  
6 there? I think Fran Calwell -- to get two portal  
7 signs in this fiscal year. The Ranger also asked for  
8 help to do that, Laurie Rosenthal.

9 So we asked Alex to come down and put  
10 together a team of Forest Service and BLM folks. And  
11 that's what you are going to present; right, Alex?

12 MR. YOUNG: Right. There was a lot of  
13 questions that came up that alluded to signage on the  
14 previous petition. I will add that at the end of this  
15 presentation, that there will probably need to be a  
16 much more rigorous exercise regarding how we  
17 communicate to the public, not only the signs but  
18 other integrated methodology such as maps, et cetera,  
19 et cetera.

20 So the presentation you are seeing right now  
21 is really a small snapshot for what the Monument might  
22 need. It doesn't address all the secondary signage  
23 and all the other issues that will come along with a  
24 formal sign plan. That will come right after we  
25 finish our Management Plan; is that correct, Danella?

1 MS. GEORGE: Something like that.

2 MR. YOUNG: You guys are a tough crowd. I  
3 don't want to say something that might incriminate me.

4 But the Monument means a lot of things to a  
5 lot of people. And we put this task group together  
6 and more or less tried to facilitate it to come to  
7 this little snapshot issue with some of the key portal  
8 signs. And we met two or three times already, and  
9 this is sort of a summary of where we are.

10 I am, by the way, power point challenged. I  
11 am a chart person. Interactive. And I really try to  
12 shun power point. I am almost willing to start a Ted  
13 Kaczynski Fan Club here. He has some good points  
14 about technology driving our lives. So if I can't  
15 back up and I go too far, I might ask Connell to help  
16 me here. Let's move on.

17 Some key points: I am going to talk to you  
18 about -- I just want to orient you, I guess. We  
19 looked at about six or seven kinds of situations that  
20 would help us frame our solutions that we are going to  
21 see later on. They were on the perimeter of the  
22 Monument. Just so you know what they are. They are  
23 not fixed in a sense of precise location. These  
24 represent a variety of situations that we wanted to  
25 look at so we could come up with sort of a

1 hypothetical or find the solutions.

2           You can see it starts out by Snow Creek,  
3 moves around to the State Park tram entrance, back to  
4 the visitor center. At some point trails that can be  
5 anywhere in the Monument. It doesn't have to be  
6 there. I call it 74 west. And something even  
7 possibly up on 243 which we really haven't discussed  
8 at great length. Just a hypothetical possible  
9 location.

10           First thing is first impressions.  
11 Traditionally, we talked about that you enter a  
12 monument, there's a formal entry, pay your bucks, and  
13 you walk in and you have a lot of fun. This is a  
14 different kind of monument. It's sort of transparent  
15 in some cases. You only really cross it in two  
16 places. A lot of times, you can see it but you can't  
17 touch it till you get to the interior. And primarily  
18 it's true; a lot of people in monuments drive through  
19 them. They are not recreating at the scale that you  
20 recreate in these monuments because they are local  
21 and don't get to really know them well. They are kind  
22 of the quarter miler kind of things that go on in  
23 National Monument management.

24           So we have a kind of interesting mix here.  
25 Not only do we have the sort of crossing points along

1 74, but we also have things that hopefully -- oops.  
2 Went the wrong way. Sorry about that. We only have  
3 two major road crossings. So you can see it, but you  
4 can't touch it. You can go up next to it, but you are  
5 not really in it. Then you only have these two road  
6 crossings. So we were trying to come up with  
7 solutions that we could use consistently so we didn't  
8 have to come up with a new idea every time we ran into  
9 one of these problems. But we also must link to one  
10 of the other partners. We have State Parks. We  
11 haven't had participation in our group. Gary has  
12 cleverly avoided our meetings. I don't know why. We  
13 have invited him. I am just teasing him.

14           So we have partners that are important that  
15 we need to recognize in terms of identifying them at  
16 certain key places in the Monument.

17           So, again, these are the three things that we  
18 really focused on. There are probably a lot of minor  
19 issues that we are probably going to focus on later on  
20 once we get to the sign planning, but in terms of this  
21 little snapshot to do this initial project, we felt  
22 these were the three things we needed to focus on.

23           This is just typical of, you know, you can  
24 see it but you can't touch it. Jim and I had a  
25 lengthy discussion yesterday about where the boundary

1 is here, but it's basically paralleling the highway,  
2 so the highway doesn't really cross it like you would  
3 traditionally see going into a BLM or Forest Service  
4 site or National Park. So we had to come up with a  
5 solution that would work here.

6 I just use these to illustrate the points we  
7 were talking about before. Again, two road crossings.  
8 And those will be there and there.

9 Okay. And then again, we must link our  
10 partners, just in summary. And there may be more. I  
11 might have missed a few here. Jim says, "Don't say  
12 anything you will regret later on." So I apologize if  
13 I left somebody out.

14 Again, the pallette we decided had been very  
15 simple. We had to deliver a wide variety of messages  
16 possibly down to the Monument signing plan and we need  
17 to keep that as simple as possible. We have two very  
18 large elephants in a small closet at BLM/Forest  
19 Service and other partners who are less large than we  
20 are that we don't know about. So we needed to be able  
21 to accommodate all those needs in that we didn't want  
22 to have shape wars and everything about the sign or  
23 this, that, or the other thing. So we kept it very  
24 simple. The idea was that the sign would convey the  
25 message of the Monument. Probably going to suggest

1 taking the "and" off and just putting a dash in there.

2 Is that correct, by the way?

3 And then using a script kind of text to  
4 designate the Monument. The group felt that this was  
5 a traditional type of scripting text that people  
6 recognize that was used throughout the United States.  
7 So we would go along with that.

8 We would then add the Monument brand and the  
9 effective location. What ends up happening here is  
10 that brand starts equalling Santa Rosa. Remember  
11 that. There will be a test at the end of this.

12 So it doesn't necessarily mean National  
13 Monument, but you have the rule of three applying  
14 here. You have this triad going on here, so all this  
15 starts to work. This is where branding becomes very  
16 important and this is why the pallette has to be very  
17 simple, because you need to focus on the brand; not  
18 the shape of the sign, but, rather, this triad  
19 connection. And you will see later on how this will  
20 work and hopefully save us a little money.

21 We have also decided that because of the two  
22 large elephants in the small closet I alluded to and  
23 other players that we create a thematic base that we  
24 could attach to the sign that would carry all the  
25 corporate logos and satisfy all the people up in

1 Washington and places like that.

2 And that would be a rock form representing  
3 the mountain and then we would add the logos to that.

4 We also added on the bottom a subset where we  
5 could either identify other partners or other  
6 significant sites or other information that would be  
7 attached to the sign. And this logo would look like  
8 this, generally speaking.

9 So this was a recommendation generally out of  
10 the work group of what the sign would look like and  
11 how it would work and be put together.

12 What I've done is to put together some  
13 illustrations. Oh, here. I want to go one more step  
14 further. Here's what the test is. What would happen  
15 is once we got down to the site level, we have an  
16 option. We can continue to identify the large  
17 elephants in the closet or we can really just focus on  
18 the Monument, and then what happens is the brand that  
19 we had on those other signs and the information factor  
20 that we put together would reinforce that and now they  
21 are focusing on just the local branding. And this  
22 conveys the message of the Monument, the heavy  
23 presence of agency is gone, and we are now focusing on  
24 the Monument.

25 So at the site level, trailheads, road, all

1 those places, we would remove the agency logo, much to  
2 the chagrin of my sign coordinator and probably the  
3 Forest Service sign coordinator in Washington. But  
4 that would be our recommendation. So it gives us a  
5 lot of flexibility. It softens the message and  
6 focuses on the site.

7           What I did was just put together a  
8 simulation, some better than others. But this is the  
9 southwest portal, I call it. And I would just  
10 highlight that a little bit. This is what that sign  
11 would look like. We did a site analysis, by the way.  
12 It was a lot of work going out driving the road for  
13 several days looking for locations that not only were  
14 visible, but met safety requirements and a whole lot  
15 of other issues.

16           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: For those of you who are  
17 in the back of the room, it's right here.

18           MR. YOUNG: Right. I apologize it's not  
19 clear enough, but I wanted to illustrate that. This  
20 is just going southeast before you reach the Santa  
21 Rosa Mountain cutoff where we went up on the field  
22 trip. I went out and researched the site last night.  
23 It's an excellent site. Contrary to some people's  
24 thoughts, the reason why we put it on the left side of  
25 the road on 74 is because it's a much more visible

1 situation. All the situations on the south side of  
2 the road are what I call too superior. You would  
3 never see the sign. You'd be looking up on it and  
4 you'd be, like, driving alongside a picket fence and  
5 you wouldn't see it at high speed.

6 So the recommendation was to pick a site that  
7 was close to the boundary. This is about a mile maybe  
8 possibly -- at the most -- or half a mile at the  
9 national boundary. And we look for safety issues.  
10 There's a big ditch in front of this so you don't have  
11 to worry about running into it.

12 And I spent about five hours with Caltrans  
13 yesterday and kind of went over the technical aspects  
14 of this, and it looks like it will go through. We  
15 just have to do all the crossings of the T's and the  
16 dotting of the I's.

17 The other location would be down at Snow  
18 Creek. Again, we can use the same format. Again, in  
19 this case, it wouldn't say something about the  
20 Monument. It would say the Monument's name, but it  
21 would say, "Information ahead, 10 miles," so there  
22 needs to be a component with that sign later on that  
23 says like a community or chamber of commerce, visitor  
24 center, tram entry maybe, where you provide  
25 information. So now you are engaging the visitor.

1 The Monument really is there, but we are not asking  
2 them to stop or do anything. We are just giving that  
3 identity on this very large landscape.

4 And if you ride along -- last night as I was  
5 doing it back and forth a couple times -- you really  
6 get the depth and breadth of this Monument. It's  
7 incredibly large. It just pops right out.

8 I think sometimes you get so close to the  
9 trees, you can't see the forest, but it really became  
10 obvious to me that this is an important concept that  
11 we need to carry out. Then we had a partner, for  
12 example, and we have to probably work this detail out.  
13 And, of course, they are partners with the tram.

14 We could adopt that bottom bar to include  
15 some of the graphics for the tram. But this is how  
16 you possibly could deal with another partner within  
17 the Monument that has specific management  
18 requirements. And so you would constantly carry this  
19 theme through the Monument.

20 And then as we engage down to the site level,  
21 we were to move the agency logos and so forth and  
22 focus in on the branding and the connect with the  
23 site.

24 And so the people would be able to identify  
25 that and piece information, brochures, maps, and other

1 media, which we have already begun to do.

2           And then, again, this is an option. The  
3 person I was working with in doing graphics, she stuck  
4 the rock back in here. But we could take it out. We  
5 don't really need it at that point. It's an option.

6           So the trailhead would just simply have as a  
7 site -- when I say trailhead, I am talking about  
8 facility, parking area, campground -- would just  
9 simply have the Monument brand, the name of the area,  
10 or where the people want to go to. They want to know  
11 that they arrived at the place that they thought they  
12 were going to. They don't really care they are in the  
13 Monument at that point. But you have connected with  
14 the brand.

15           And what we are going to do -- and this is  
16 just completely hypothetical and something just to  
17 confuse you and everybody else, because I don't want  
18 to be accused of doing a sign plan without having the  
19 proper input. We would go through and do all the  
20 appropriate signs as well as projects, the scenic  
21 byway issue and so forth. That would all be  
22 incorporated into a total sign plan. And the sign  
23 plan isn't just a location plan. It's all the things  
24 we talked about, why it's there, how we support the  
25 community, is it solving the problem, is it creating a

1 problem. And signing is just a small part of  
2 communicating. It's probably the least effective way  
3 you can communicate, so we have to get all of those  
4 other four or five things done as well if we are going  
5 to be successful.

6 I know we have had a long morning, so I have  
7 sort of sped it up a little bit. But if anybody has  
8 any questions. Yes? Ruth?

9 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling, Pinyon. I feel  
10 strongly that that fake rock really degrades what we  
11 are representing here. Real rock or no rock, but not  
12 that --

13 MR. YOUNG: I tell you what. I am not  
14 defending that, but I think the comment should be  
15 taken as -- we have certain safety requirements that  
16 we have to deal with with Caltrans. And if I had my  
17 choice, I would use a real rock. I have no problem at  
18 all. The false rock, as I call it, would be  
19 incorporated within that. It's a simulation. And I  
20 have been working with our administrative office here.  
21 And the rock work you see is done a lot around Palm  
22 Springs. Some of it's real. Some of it's not. If  
23 it's done very effectively, you can't tell the  
24 difference. So whatever we do would be very effective  
25 and only would be used in key areas throughout the

1 Monument. So what we would do is a high-quality  
2 product. You would not know that it wasn't unless I  
3 told you.

4 So I think that's a good point as far as the  
5 criteria, though, as far as designing it and  
6 manufacturing it, that we have a high standard. We  
7 don't accept anything less than that. And it  
8 should --

9 MS. WATLING: The one in our visitor center  
10 doesn't look real.

11 MR. YOUNG: Exactly. But we wanted  
12 something that's part of a Monument landscape rather  
13 than this flat rock that you see. And no offense to  
14 what was done before. I think it was done in good  
15 taste, the people had good intentions, but we were  
16 trying to find something in the landscape that  
17 actually was part of the landscape.

18 By the way, that rock that you saw is on 243,  
19 about eight miles in. So it's on the side of the  
20 road. I thought maybe I could just put a sign on it.  
21 It's that kind of a thing.

22 If Danella wants to entertain a committee to  
23 design that, that's fine. I don't know.

24 Any questions? Good point. Very good point.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anything else? Frank?

1                   MR. BOGERT: There's about 50 trails that go  
2 into the Monument. Are you going to have signs where  
3 we choose certain trails, a sign on them, like, for  
4 instance, the Pacific Crest Trail?

5                   MR. YOUNG: Right. We have to incorporate  
6 all those kinds of details. We are not really getting  
7 to that level. We would have to, though. We would  
8 have to incorporate that. To identify it, it would  
9 have to be linked to a map, other public information  
10 so that people knew where they were in reference.  
11 Because a sign by itself is useless. A map by itself  
12 is useless unless you can connect the two. So I would  
13 answer your question that way.

14                   Danella?

15                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let me see if I have any  
16 other questions from the Committee.

17                   MR. YOUNG: I'm sorry. Danella -- oh,  
18 excuse me. Gary?

19                   MR. WATTS: I support the idea of the  
20 branding, and that makes a lot of sense to put that on  
21 as a theme throughout. And I understand 800-pound  
22 elephants in the closet, also, but -- I think we had  
23 some discussion on this on the phone -- as far as that  
24 subject goes, trailheads, Mt. San Jacinto Peak, I  
25 think it would certainly make sense for us to agree

1 with the branding, but I think we still need to have  
2 some sort of lesser branding in the State Parks,  
3 because we are not in the federal mix, and that our  
4 park boundary extends beyond the Monument boundary, so  
5 we've got this crossover.

6 So that's just something to reinforce for  
7 you, if we could work that in, something smaller on  
8 the sign, maybe just a logo on our sign? Fish & Game  
9 probably has some concerns as well on their property  
10 and what signs they want to have, if they want, for  
11 lack of a better word, sub-branding.

12 I see Connell signing, so --

13 MS. DUNNING: No. There's just so many  
14 groups.

15 MR. YOUNG: Gary and I had a long talk about  
16 this. Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to do a  
17 one-on-one. And I think possibly for the final  
18 solution we could probably do that.

19 Danella, is that correct? What you are  
20 looking at is a signing concept and what I was trying  
21 to do with the work group is frame something that  
22 would be flexible and have a certain level of  
23 consistency. That's the important thing. It's very  
24 consistent on the public's image of how we are  
25 managing the area. And that was the whole idea. I

1 think what you see here is consistency, and that was  
2 the important factor. And we can play with the little  
3 parts of that consistency, I think, and we would  
4 probably want those partners to be in part of that  
5 discussion, I think.

6 MR. WATTS: And in our discussions, I didn't  
7 get a chance to see your concept. And I must  
8 compliment you. I am very pleased so far with what  
9 you did. Rob Parkins may disagree with me on the  
10 particular sign that I saw relating to the tram road.  
11 I really think you have made good progress so far.

12 MR. YOUNG: We could have had that as part  
13 of the, like -- it could have been a green logo with  
14 your tram and the State Park would be part of that  
15 too. So the concept really works well if we follow  
16 this format. If we start to deviate from that, it  
17 would be sort of like templates, if you want to look  
18 at them that way, like dress patterns. They sort of  
19 follow the rules and the lines, but at some point you  
20 deviate without breaking them too much.

21 But I wanted to lay out the templates here.  
22 I think the quality control issues -- I think that's  
23 what you were addressing -- are very important to  
24 this. Particularly, the designs that we are  
25 addressing here become very, very critical. And the

1 other ones, I think, once we do these will fall into  
2 place once we do a formal sign.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments or questions  
4 by the Committee?

5 Terry?

6 MS. HENDERSON: I have a comment. Terry  
7 Henderson, La Quinta.

8 I think what you have shown us is -- I would  
9 agree. I like it. I mean, it's interesting to come  
10 to a committee and not have a lot of modifications.  
11 However --

12 MR. YOUNG: I was waiting for that. I have  
13 been listening, Terry, all morning.

14 MS. HENDERSON: -- there is a small one  
15 there. And I really would like to have the rest of  
16 the Committee's input on this. But as a resident or a  
17 tourist or a traveler, anywhere I go, when I read  
18 signs and I see a lot of agencies or departments  
19 identified or recognized, maybe I'm a cynic, but I go  
20 away laughing and say, "Well, does anybody really know  
21 who's controlling this?" Or, "Everybody has got their  
22 fingers in the pot. Who's really in control?"

23 By the same token, I appreciate the fact that  
24 all of these agencies are involved. And we were  
25 working closely with them and the end product will be

1 in conjunction with everyone.

2 So what I see missing on this -- and I have  
3 even sketched it for you -- is an arrow artistically  
4 going from the Monument square to the rock and wording  
5 on it such as, "Working together for you," so somehow  
6 folks get the impression that we all worked together  
7 on the National Monument and the plan for it.

8 That's a comment, input. If you don't get it  
9 in now, you never get it in, so --

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

11 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, Palm Desert.

12 One serious comment. One semiserious.

13 Serious: Do you have a timetable for actual signs in  
14 the ground?

15 MR. YOUNG: I am working on Danella's  
16 timetable, and so --

17 MR. CRITES: Okay. So by the end of  
18 August?

19 MS. GEORGE: I had asked for August, I  
20 think, August the 10th. The two portal signs. I  
21 mean, the two portal signs, the one on 74 and one  
22 going out on 111. I have asked for September. I am  
23 going to need concurrence from the Forest Service.  
24 Forest Service is going to have to, you know, fund  
25 that sign up there on 74, and then BLM and Forest

1 Service will need to pay for the one on 111, was the  
2 agreement we had at the board meeting.

3 After the portal is something that really  
4 needs to be addressed in the Monument Plan, if we go  
5 back to scoping. We've got signage under  
6 interpretation. We have it under the Monument matrix  
7 as an area in developing alternatives, and I think  
8 basically what the team has done is provided  
9 information that could go into the analysis of that  
10 part of an alternative. Make sense?

11 MR. CRITES: I would suggest that with those  
12 portal signs you also have something that indicates  
13 "Information" or "Visitor Center" -- or whatever it is  
14 -- "X number of miles ahead."

15 MR. CRITES: I think that needs to go into  
16 those first signs, because coming, as an example, on  
17 Highway 74 they need to know that if they continue a  
18 certain number of miles --

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: They will be in Palm  
20 Desert.

21 MR. YOUNG: Well, I think the simulations  
22 weren't as clear as what I like to see them in terms  
23 of being in a larger context. Most of those signs, by  
24 the way, did have it on the bottom. And the comment  
25 that Terry's making I think is a good one. I think we

1 have these kinds of other messages we need to convey.

2 I would strongly suggest -- I don't consider  
3 myself an expert, but as a professional in the field  
4 of landscape architecture and communicating and using  
5 signs -- we really have to be careful what we put on,  
6 and the rule of three really applies in terms of that.

7 If I were doing that, I would really strongly  
8 recommend that we do it somewhere else than on the  
9 sign, but, rather, in a way we reach people before  
10 they even get to the Monument. And I think on public  
11 information, maps, outreach programs, public affairs  
12 announcements, the CD-ROM now that we are going to  
13 produce -- I am just making this up -- that's going to  
14 go out to a person so that if they are visually  
15 impaired they can actually hear what the Monument is  
16 before they get there and those kinds of products,  
17 that's when you communicate that idea.

18 Because once you start doing that on a sign,  
19 it does start looking like the Rotary Club, and we do  
20 have to be careful. There's a real strong discussion  
21 amongst the group. And so we may put our foot down on  
22 that in a sense in that context.

23 But on the other hand, I think it's important  
24 to get that message out somewhere else, or wherever we  
25 can, that once the public is -- but I think that is a

1 good comment.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford, do you have a  
4 follow-up?

5 MR. CRITES: Perhaps in our land use plan,  
6 we might want to set aside one simple spot and call it  
7 Logo Land. And everyone that wants to bring their  
8 logos, sort of like a last highway where that's all  
9 like one spot.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Our Committee comments?  
11 Yes?

12 MR. FREET: Bary Freet.

13 Alex, on the main palletete and the rock, the  
14 rule of three applies to the rock?

15 MR. YOUNG: Well, what you do is -- the rule  
16 of three is not just three things. It's a concept.  
17 And sometimes it's a little bit more than three. It's  
18 kinds of like jazz. You can improvise a little bit,  
19 but what you don't want to do is have a lot of things  
20 going on. So the rock becomes part of the base.

21 And, in fact, the agency logo will sort of be  
22 subservient to the main message in this case. Those  
23 are there for technical reasons. We have to do those  
24 by law. So in order to accommodate these things  
25 without getting these people up here who we have to

1 listen to in the Department of Interior and so forth  
2 -- I am not even going to argue here -- we do those  
3 things.

4 When we do these signs, just for your  
5 information, we may not even have the rock in place.  
6 Those signs can be put in place without the base  
7 support and the agency logos because of timing  
8 factors. We have already talked about that. So,  
9 actually, that sign can stand by itself.

10 So we are trying to make it as simple as  
11 possible. We are trying to cover a lot of different  
12 things here. This is the toughest, by the way,  
13 signing situation I've come up with in 25 years. And  
14 I don't think I have seen any more complicated than  
15 this in terms of the complexity of the management and  
16 the political issues and all the other things going on  
17 here. So I think we try to balance things out. And  
18 so some things are going to get pushed aside.

19 MR. FREET: Question. So the logos reside  
20 on the rock?

21 MR. YOUNG: The agency would be on the base  
22 and then we focus everything on the sign. Only on the  
23 Monument would be the brand, the name, and the  
24 National Monument.

25 MR. FREET: Thank you.

1                   MR. YOUNG: That way, when we bring it down  
2 to the site level, we can remove all those issues, we  
3 can make it just the Monument, which is not a novel  
4 idea, but isn't done very often with the exception of  
5 what Gary was talking about where we may have some  
6 varying sites with some specific issues.

7                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Al?

8                   MR. MUTH: Is there a legal reason you have  
9 to have those logos only on the rock?

10                  MR. YOUNG: Yes. I tell you what. It's  
11 either on the sign or on the rock.

12                  MR. MUTH: But your legal --

13                  MR. YOUNG: Yes. Absolutely. There's  
14 requirements, right. That's the way it is. That's  
15 what I tell my son. "That's the way it is."

16                  And so instead of fighting it, we put it in a  
17 more subordinate position. And that limits it. And  
18 by making it part of the base and focusing on the  
19 very, very powerful and very strong branding -- a  
20 stylized version of it, by the way, because we can't  
21 put all the detailing on the sign, because it doesn't  
22 work at 65 miles an hour. They can't read all that  
23 little stuff on there. So no deference to the work on  
24 the actual logo.

25                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any questions? Comments?

1 Frank?

2 MR. BOGERT: Remember all the Indians who  
3 came here were worried that their road would -- people  
4 would think was a mention to the entrance to the  
5 Monument?

6 MR. YOUNG: Where?

7 MR. BOGERT: Going into Anza Indian  
8 Reservation. Do you think we could put up a sign that  
9 says, "This is not an entrance to the Monument" to  
10 satisfy those Indians?

11 MR. YOUNG: I am not going there, Frank.  
12 You are baiting me.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let me just jump in here  
14 for Alex's benefit. The sign is to the east of that  
15 entrance. And so I think that that takes care of that  
16 problem. And I think --

17 MR. YOUNG: No. It's about a mile in there,  
18 Frank. We did talk about it when we looked at the  
19 sites so we would not in any way, I believe, in my  
20 judgment, particularly because of the nature of that  
21 road -- by the time you make the first turn and the  
22 second turn, you forget where you are. That's part of  
23 safety issues on that road. So I don't believe that  
24 we would at all imply that the reservation was part of  
25 the Monument.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Buford?

2                   MR. CRITES: Curiosity, then, regarding  
3 Frank's question. Have we thought about a sign  
4 certainly up on 74 past the mountain road that would  
5 say "Exiting" or "Leaving"?

6                   Because that lets people know, as an example,  
7 that when you hit the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation  
8 roads, that you are on it.

9                   MR. YOUNG: That could be a very simple road  
10 advisory sign. It would not necessarily be one of  
11 those larger signs. It could simply be a brown sign,  
12 "Leaving Monument," like you say, you know, or,  
13 "Campground, 1/4 mile." That way, it doesn't become  
14 a -- then, because the leading issue -- the leading  
15 issue, to be honest with you, is a very old concept  
16 that no longer belongs on signing unless you have  
17 those issues. And we deal with it differently. We  
18 deal with it as a traffic advisory type of sign.

19                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments?

20                   I just have one.

21                   MR. YOUNG: Yes, Ed?

22                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is it possible or will it  
23 be requested that on the Caltrans signage on  
24 Interstate 10 that would tell about the Monument,  
25 which I'm sure will be there, that we could start our

1 branding at that point?

2 MR. YOUNG: That discussion hasn't taken  
3 place formally. We have had one meeting with them. I  
4 think they were here. I met with them four or five  
5 hours yesterday. All the players were not there. And  
6 so we did not talk specifically about those kinds of  
7 issues.

8 But, yes, that will be part of your larger  
9 signing plan that we need to have developed. At that  
10 point, you go to Caltrans and say, "Here's what we  
11 want to do," and that's when you start figuring out  
12 what it looks like. As a minimum, you would have  
13 "National Monument," blah, blah, blah, blah, and I  
14 believe brown, generally a certain size, and we would  
15 negotiate with them. If you are able to get the mark  
16 or the brand on there, go dancing, because you've got  
17 something that you normally don't get. You got real  
18 lucky. I wouldn't fight with them on it. Because at  
19 least directly on the first set of signs, even if you  
20 can't touch it but you can see it, it's important. We  
21 have to address fully the issues of coming in on 243  
22 and coming in on 111 side, coming in off of -- is it  
23 Monterey versus 111? I know the people on 111 want  
24 everyone to come down there. Yet, if I were to come  
25 in there, I'd probably go silly and I'd turn around

1 and go home.

2 But those are issues that need to be  
3 addressed after the planning process.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And that last point brings  
5 up the point I wanted to make. You have seven  
6 additional partners, six cities, and the county. You  
7 don't want to forget them.

8 MR. YOUNG: Right. And I think, again, like  
9 we talked to Terry, I think the partnerships there are  
10 more reinforced on information rather than on signing.  
11 Because we have to be careful not to make this a  
12 roadway sign. And that's not a judgment statement.  
13 That's one of simple practicality. Unfortunately, we  
14 are not the Rotary Club and we have to be careful to  
15 not fall in that category. No deference to the Rotary  
16 Club.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No other comments on the  
18 Committee? Danella?

19 MS. GEORGE: Just wanted to reiterate. The  
20 big scheme of the signage really needs to be in that  
21 National Monument Plan. That's where it needs to go,  
22 is in there. But at least those portal signs, we need  
23 to get them in the ground, hopefully before our next  
24 annual celebration, is the goal.

25 MR. YOUNG: What day is that?

1 MS. GEORGE: Either October 19th or  
2 October 26th.

3 MR. YOUNG: Aren't we having an early out  
4 this next week?

5 MS. HENDERSON: I thought signal celebration  
6 was in early September. Well, you don't -- you really  
7 don't want to give him October.

8 MR. YOUNG: It's not my date. I am not the  
9 one that's going to do this.

10 By the way, I would like to introduce some  
11 people. Bonnie, who's not here right now. Why don't  
12 you introduce yourselves? Come on. Stand up and  
13 introduce yourselves in the back.

14 MR. DENEWETH: Dale Deneweth with the Forest  
15 Service.

16 MS. SANTOS: Nuvea Santos, BLM.

17 MR. MASON: Travis Mason.

18 MR. YOUNG: As we see more of what they are  
19 doing and maybe presentations to them, I will let  
20 these people do that. They are better qualified.  
21 They are here every day. It's kind of tough to be in  
22 Sacramento and Palm Springs at the same time;.

23 I'll see you. Thank you very much.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Oh, you are going to give  
25 him a cup? Okay. I just asked if you were going to

1 get a cup. She said no. Now she is going to give you  
2 one.

3 MR. YOUNG: Can I donate it to the society  
4 or something? I have so many of these.

5 MS. HENDERSON: But you don't have so many  
6 of those. You only have one of those.

7 MR. YOUNG: Thank you. I appreciate it.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: It will be on your desk to  
9 remind you of the September deadline to get this done.  
10 Thank you very much.

11 Have you got enough time? We are about 18  
12 minutes.

13 MS. DUNNING: I'd like to start, and if I  
14 need to go over after --

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, what I was thinking  
16 is maybe we do the other discussion. But that's fine.  
17 We can do it that way.

18 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. That's fine with me.  
19 If I need to continue on, I can do that.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We can do that after  
21 lunch. Good.

22 MS. DUNNING: My name is Connell Dunning,  
23 and I am a Community Planner with the Monument. And  
24 my presentation today kind of goes along with a  
25 handout called the Monument Matrix Summary. So I want

1 to make sure that each of the members has this. If  
2 you don't, I have extra copies.

3 Okay. Here you go. Right here, Buford.  
4 They were put on the desk.

5 So my presentation is kind of a general how  
6 to read this document, what this document means, and  
7 kind of what I did. The objective of this survey was  
8 to create kind of a status of what is the current  
9 management of the lands of the different agencies that  
10 fall within the bounds of the Monument. And the  
11 purpose was to identify the current management and to  
12 look for inconsistencies that exist. And so by  
13 creating a matrix, the planning work group suggested  
14 this as a way to kind of look at the different  
15 managements and compare the different things going on.

16 The audience, it's for the Advisory Committee  
17 and it's for you to look at and provide  
18 recommendations based on this or to get a handle on  
19 the current management; it's for the planning team,  
20 for most of us who are involved in planning and  
21 accomplish our sideboards and know what's in existence  
22 right now; and for the interagency staff to help them  
23 in their communication with each other. They already  
24 know what's going on. It's good to see it in writing  
25 and to do kind of a checkpoint, see what's going on

1 out there. And it's also for the public and to help  
2 the public understand where each of the different  
3 agencies are coming from.

4 And it's important to point out that this is  
5 extremely summarized. I don't provide the missions of  
6 each of the different land managing agencies, which is  
7 an important thing to think about when you are  
8 identifying the management that exists on the land.

9 So the following agencies were identified to  
10 assist in the survey: State Parks; Fish & Game; Agua  
11 Caliente; the Forest Service; BLM; and, also, Deep  
12 Canyon Reserve. We did send a copy to the Santa Rosa  
13 Tribe, and we are going to get information from them  
14 through another method.

15 The questions were based on public scoping  
16 comments and issues. Also, based on legislation. For  
17 example, utilities was called out. We need to address  
18 the need for utilities. So that was included in the  
19 list of questions. And the questions are provided  
20 next to the answers in this document.

21 So a couple points. While reading this and  
22 when you take it back and look at it -- and I realize  
23 you just looked at it for the first time today. And  
24 my comment on that is this is not a final product.  
25 This is not the end-all, "This is it." It's going to

1 be something that we constantly add to and try to keep  
2 updated throughout the management of the Monument. It  
3 can have additions. There can be changes in the  
4 current management. This is as of last week. So I  
5 tried to allow as much time as possible for those  
6 different agencies to get information in to me. And  
7 some people were missing or out and that kind of  
8 thing. So by waiting until the last minute, I was  
9 able to incorporate the most information.

10 The actions ultimately in the plan -- to  
11 reiterate -- I know I say this all the time -- will  
12 apply only to BLM and Forest Service lands. So it's  
13 important when you are looking and seeing what the  
14 current management is on the other agencies that it's  
15 just for us to establish what's going on with our  
16 neighbors.

17 And in addition, just as a note, with  
18 cooperative agreements, there's a lot of collaboration  
19 that's possible. And there's ways to address issues  
20 that come up outside of the plan. We hope to use the  
21 Monument Plan to address inconsistencies and ways that  
22 we can think of creative ways to improve coordination.  
23 But there's lot of abilities that we have out there to  
24 input a cooperative agreement immediately if we need  
25 to. Should there be a concern that comes up,

1 something that we need to take care of right away, we  
2 don't need to wait until the completion of a plan in  
3 October if something is immediate. However, we are  
4 trying to think long-term. We are trying to think,  
5 "How can we provide the best opportunity for the  
6 Monument?" And this is kind of the document to help  
7 us identify the sideboards that exist with the other  
8 agencies.

9           And another note: The responses to the  
10 survey do reflect those who were available from those  
11 agencies listed to provide answers. So they are not  
12 the final answer. There are other people in those  
13 agencies, there's other perspectives from those  
14 agencies, and we need to view this as a starting  
15 point. And of those that were able to answer the  
16 questions, this is the starting point of what's the  
17 current management out on the land now.

18           So looking at the first page, there's a list,  
19 listing the topics. The bottom of page one. Going  
20 through the list, those are the areas that questions  
21 were addressed. And so the front page of the document  
22 just lists those areas.

23           The second page of the document has a  
24 section, "How to Read the Matrix." And that's kind of  
25 those points that I just went over now; important

1 things to remember when you are reading it.

2 There are some summary points that I pulled  
3 out from the matrix on the bottom of page 2. And  
4 those continue till the end of the document.

5 The tables, as you flip through, represent  
6 questions and the answers with the responding agencies  
7 at the top of the page.

8 So you can use this as a tool for the  
9 specific areas that we asked questions for just to see  
10 what's going on now. We did have a comment that the  
11 survey needed more information added, that it didn't  
12 address the scope of biological resources adequately,  
13 and to amend that we can work to identify other  
14 questions and get those out so that we can identify  
15 what those questions are for biological resources that  
16 weren't addressed.

17 And any questions that you have concerning  
18 management that aren't on this list, send them my way  
19 and I can send the questions out and get the input  
20 back in and we can create this kind of a working  
21 document.

22 However, I think this is a good starting  
23 point, using this as a tool next to the tool of the  
24 public scoping report. That kind of summarizes the  
25 public comments and some of those comments brought

1 forward through that process whereas this kind of  
2 summarizes what's the status of actions now.

3 Some examples, just going through looking at  
4 the very first table, questions concerning dogs. And  
5 just in essence of time, I don't think it's necessary  
6 to go through each of these right now in detail, but I  
7 want to make sure that you understand the scope of the  
8 table and the information that's provided.

9 So just going through the first table, an  
10 example question, "Are dogs allowed on National  
11 Monument lands under your jurisdiction? Yes or no?"  
12 And then following that, "If dogs aren't allowed, what  
13 is the fine that comes up?" Or, "If they are allowed,  
14 where are they allowed?" "Where do leash requirements  
15 apply if there are leash requirements?" "How is land  
16 monitored for compliance?"

17 So these are all things that we need to be  
18 aware of when providing recommendations and  
19 recommended actions to provide in the framework of the  
20 alternatives plan.

21 The next steps for this, I think, are also  
22 important to address right now. As I mentioned, using  
23 this as a tool to help identify a range of  
24 alternatives. And I think Bob Brockman's comment  
25 earlier that the working groups would be a good place

1 to do this is a great suggestion. We can use these  
2 issue areas and bring them forward, apply them to  
3 different working group dates, announce when those  
4 dates are that we will be addressing them. Dogs, for  
5 example, we could address. It doesn't fit into the  
6 cultural work group as well as it fits into -- maybe  
7 we could address that in the recreation work group,  
8 for example. But just applying these -- and there  
9 might be some overlap, but applying these different  
10 areas to specific work group meeting dates and then  
11 trying to focus on those, getting information in some  
12 format that we can bring back to this level and make  
13 recommendations or comments on this level I think is a  
14 good idea.

15 This can also help increase communication  
16 between agencies. There could have been some  
17 responses here that they might not be aware of  
18 cross-agencywise. So I am going to send this out to  
19 all of the different agencies that they can read all  
20 of it and provide comments back.

21 And, also, this can provide, as I mentioned,  
22 kind of a template for an annual assessment of, "How  
23 are things going now?" "Have there been changes?"

24 In our example, we have a Federal Register  
25 notice now that limits where we can have dogs and

1 where we can't. And this kind of thing might happen,  
2 and it would need to be updated in this kind of format  
3 and provided to you so that you are aware of changes  
4 in management.

5 As we spoke about a little bit earlier, the  
6 public scoping comments provide a framework for the  
7 matrix, provides a framework for staff input. And  
8 your comments as you provided through the meetings,  
9 and that the public has provided here, have all added  
10 to developing issues. And the next step is getting  
11 those issues down into a range of alternatives, and I  
12 think identifying a format for doing that, a schedule  
13 of when we will be addressing each alternative or  
14 reach issue areas at the working groups, a timeline of  
15 when information can get into us and then get back to  
16 you. And I think that needs to be provided. And it  
17 was requested, so we can provide that for you.

18 We can provide about five minutes of comments  
19 right now and then we should give a full hour for  
20 lunch, because I know we have to be back at 1:00 for  
21 public comment. So I'd like to take some questions  
22 now for five minutes and then maybe we can take more  
23 after that.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

25 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites.

1 I think this is excellent. I would suggest  
2 that you do one of these that lists all of the  
3 municipalities in the county. As an example, the  
4 county is doing their general plan right now and they  
5 have an enormous amount of land that is in the  
6 Monument. Certainly, the City of Palm Springs --

7 MS. DUNNING: Could you provide that input  
8 or could you access the input of that person that  
9 needs to get that input in and could you just forward  
10 it on?

11 MR. CRITES: Yes. Because I think some of  
12 this stuff about roads and about development and about  
13 zoning and all of that would have a lot of potential  
14 implications for some of the things that are -- trail  
15 use and so on and so forth.

16 MS. DUNNING: Okay. So what I can do is  
17 give you this template and, you know, Word document  
18 form and give it to each of the city representatives  
19 and have you send it on. If you could do that, it  
20 would help us out. And they could provide the  
21 information back to me.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Gary?

23 MR. WATTS: Gary Watts.

24 First of all, will we have more time than  
25 five minutes to discuss some of the issues after

1 lunch?

2 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Certainly. If that's the  
4 concern, we can do that here.

5 MR. WATTS: Well, building on our comments  
6 this morning, I think there are several areas in here  
7 that I think I would like to at least propose for  
8 discussion and consideration by the Committee to  
9 consider in recommending that the staff pursue as far  
10 as exploring an eventual Plan.

11 Connell, you said earlier that Plan will only  
12 apply to federal agencies, the actions of the  
13 Management Plan. While I certainly want to emphasize  
14 that the legislation clearly states that each agency  
15 can't be superceded by the Plan, I see a lot of areas  
16 in here that allow for collaboration and agreement  
17 just simply, for instance, if the Plan would call for,  
18 you know, periodic meetings as far as fire management  
19 or law enforcement, something of that nature, I can't  
20 see any of the other partners that aren't federally  
21 affected not wanting to buy off on something like  
22 that, and that would be a great place to  
23 institutionalize something like that for the  
24 betterment of the Monument ultimately.

25 So with that in mind, I think I will hold

1 most of my comments till after lunch.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yours will be the first  
3 comment after lunch.

4 Comment, Bary?

5 MR. FREET: I will just have to follow up --  
6 Bary Freet -- have to follow up on Gary's comment.  
7 The specific example, fire management meetings.  
8 Although it's addressed in IPA and outlined in the  
9 matrix appropriately by the proper federal agencies,  
10 the meeting that they reference as an annual fire  
11 management meeting is one that's hosted by the City of  
12 Palm Springs Fire Department to call those agencies  
13 together for a mutual annual review.

14 So those agencies do need to be involved.

15 MS. DUNNING: Right. Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Rob?

17 MR. BROCKMAN: In addition to the cities'  
18 general plans that Buford mentioned, when we discussed  
19 this at the planning work group meeting last month, we  
20 also felt that we needed to incorporate the Multiple  
21 Species Habitat Plan prescriptions on these issues  
22 when that Plan is released. That's an example of how  
23 this is always going to be in a state of revision, but  
24 I think we need to do that as soon as that Plan is  
25 out.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary?

2                   MR. FREET: Just a question. Is there a  
3 particular reason why you used "exotic weeds" rather  
4 than "exotic plants"?

5                   MS. DUNNING: No. I could change it to  
6 "exotic plants." I could call it "weed management."  
7 I could call it "plants" if we don't want management.  
8 I was just writing stuff down and any suggestions you  
9 have --

10                  MR. FREET: The reason I asked the question  
11 is when we get into specific discussion about weed  
12 management, it talks about tamarisk, and although it's  
13 an exotic plant, I don't see it as an exotic weed.

14                  MS. DUNNING: We could be a little bit more  
15 general. Exotic plant. Exotic plant and weed. There  
16 we go.

17                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Technical word "poop"  
18 jumped out at me.

19                  MS. DUNNING: Do you like that?

20                  MS. GEORGE: Invasive species and noxious  
21 weeds. That's the politically correct terminology.

22                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

23                  MS. HENDERSON: Just a comment. I'm glad I  
24 don't have a dog. I don't know where he's allowed to  
25 go and where's he's not allowed to go.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments?

2                   Thank you very much. We will call you back,  
3 then, after our lunch break. Time on the clock in  
4 here, which is the one we operate with, it's exactly  
5 12 noon. We will then recess for one hour. And,  
6 please, everyone back here at 1 o'clock, because by  
7 the law we have open public comments at that time.

8                   (Lunch recess was taken.)

9                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ladies and gentlemen of  
10 the Committee, if you'd take your seats, please.

11                   Being 1 o'clock, we will resume the Committee  
12 meeting with public comments. Have we anyone that has  
13 requested to speak?

14                   MS. BERGMAN: I didn't make a formal request  
15 but I will after the fact. I'll be short.

16                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Just a minute. Let's make  
17 sure there isn't anybody who's made a formal request  
18 here.

19                   Gayle, you're up.

20                   MS. CADY: Oh, geez.

21                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Please state your name for  
22 the record, and keep your comments to five minutes or  
23 less, please.

24                   MS. CADY: My name is Gayle Cady, spelled  
25 C-a-d-y. I live in the community of Vista Santa Rosa.

1                   On the Monument Matrix Summary & Review,  
2                   specifically page 3 of 4 under "Trails: Voluntary  
3                   closures versus mandatory closures under Title 14 and  
4                   suggested closures from the Recovery Plan for the  
5                   Bighorn sheep on the Peninsular Ranges are  
6                   inconsistent. Multiple use policy of BLM and Forest  
7                   Service versus resource management and preservation  
8                   policies of the Department of Fish & Game are  
9                   inconsistent."

10                   Having said that, I would like to comment on  
11                   the closure of the Boo Hof Trail on the western side  
12                   of Lake Cahuilla in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

13                   I would like to appeal to the Board to  
14                   perhaps enable the equestrians and the hikers to enjoy  
15                   the Boo Hof Trail year-round. Specifically, for the  
16                   reason that, to my knowledge, there has not been a  
17                   local study or, for that matter, any specific study  
18                   with regards to any injurious harm caused by a  
19                   recreational hiker and/or an equestrian on the Boo Hof  
20                   Trail in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

21                   Thank you.

22                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Joe Ingram?

23                   MR. INGRAM: My name is Joe Ingram. I am a  
24                   resident of Springcrest.

25                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Into the microphone,

1 please, Joe.

2 MR. INGRAM: My name is Joe Ingram, resident  
3 of Springcrest.

4 Yeah, I'd like to bring up the idea -- you  
5 know, thus far, I don't think the Committee or anyone  
6 has really -- really focused on reality, reality in  
7 the Santa Rosa Mountains with -- you know, on the  
8 ground, we are in a severe drought. Brush is dying.  
9 Severe fire hazard. Worse than we've -- worse than  
10 '94, worse than any time in all of our lifetimes. And  
11 I believe that we are not really focusing on the  
12 infrastructure, water, with -- what we have to work  
13 with, the people that live up there.

14 And so focusing on the Monument, I don't  
15 think we are really looking at things in a  
16 realistic -- I am kind of lost for words -- I -- for  
17 instance, I just don't think the infrastructure that  
18 the Monument is -- it's not correlating with what we  
19 have up there and what might be. That's basically  
20 what I want to say. That's it.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you, Joe.

22 Those are the only two persons that have  
23 signed up. Are there any other persons who wish to  
24 comment during this period?

25 All right.

1 MS. BERGMAN: Thank you again. You know,  
2 Mr. --

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Your name, please.

4 MS. BERGMAN: Barbara Bergman, Pinyon  
5 Community Council.

6 I had to state that the entrance to that  
7 Cahuilla reservation is really not a laughing matter.  
8 The gentleman here on -- I need my glasses, I guess --  
9 brought up that the Cahuilla were very concerned that  
10 there would be traffic into their area. And the way I  
11 see it, we need to show respect to those people who do  
12 love that mountain. We are asking people to come up  
13 and visit the mountain. They really are not connected  
14 to it in the way that we are. And I say "we" because  
15 a number of us are residents there as well.

16 Alex Young did say something about signage  
17 for the private aspect, but I'd like to reiterate that  
18 it is very important that when we talk about signage  
19 and -- I want to thank Danella for this as well, her  
20 support -- in that signage includes a nonaccess to  
21 private property.

22 We don't see any of the benefits, as  
23 residents, to the National Monument. I don't see any  
24 other than increased trash, increased fire, increased  
25 traffic. I'd like to be positive. I would like to be

1 a part of the planning and be a part of this in a  
2 positive way. I would like to just keep bringing you  
3 back to the reality that the Palm Desert Council  
4 Chambers is not the reality of that hill and living  
5 there, and that it isn't funny to think that people  
6 make a mistake and coming onto that land is okay in  
7 any way.

8 So our signage, I think, needs to include a  
9 real respect for those people who live there and for  
10 those who do love that land. We don't want to see a  
11 cigarette torching it.

12 My other question was, in the matrix, I saw  
13 "Facilities." And I didn't see specific to water or  
14 toilets or -- and I ask Connell, is that something  
15 that we will be seeing -- I saw utilities, I saw  
16 electric and I -- it wasn't clear to me -- that this  
17 matrix would include other utilities? Connell?

18 MS. DUNNING: Yes. I can just answer the  
19 question. It was taken straight from the legislation,  
20 the original questions, and we had a need to address  
21 in the legislation the -- that you read in the  
22 legislation, the need for utilities, needs to be  
23 addressed.

24 And by that, the main utility lines, utility  
25 corridor, and that kind of a thing. So the need for

1 water.

2 MS. BERGMAN: The need for  
3 utilities/facilities may be Congress.

4 MS. DUNNING: Right. The utilities that  
5 require those kinds of things.

6 MS. BERGMAN: Okay. My other comment had to  
7 do with bicycles and the ongoing work of Committee 74.  
8 I did meet with Senator Batton. And he really  
9 impressed me. And later I went and did a little more  
10 research and as much as he committed to this program  
11 and to fighting bicycles on this route because they  
12 are so dangerous, it -- the reality of it is we  
13 probably could never get a law like that passed.

14 Caltrans has informed me -- and CHP as well  
15 -- that it's a one in a million shot. And I suppose  
16 it's worth maybe going to bat for. And he's willing.  
17 So if we'd like to pursue that.

18 If anybody here doesn't know what it's like  
19 to have a tractor-trailer, a bicycle, and a van at the  
20 same time, you don't have the gray hairs I do when  
21 somebody has to move. And I am afraid it's not going  
22 to be the bicycle that gets it, unfortunately. It's  
23 going to be Susie in her van. And we are not going to  
24 make it.

25 So the reality is there. You know, redoing

1 the road through Caltrans to allow for people to have  
2 their recreation on the road is sort of a farfetched  
3 option as well.

4 So I'd just like to bring that up again, you  
5 know, as we review this National Monument and access  
6 to bicycles, what will we do and what can we do  
7 realistically? Changing the law doesn't look very  
8 realistic.

9 That's all I have.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Thank you very  
11 much. Anyone else?

12 MS. HENDERSON: Can I ask a question of  
13 Barbara?

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Certainly. Terry?

15 MS. HENDERSON: I believe I heard everything  
16 that you said. And you finished with, "We really need  
17 to address this realistically." Has your committee  
18 come up with an alternative to just banning bicycles?  
19 What realistically can we do besides ban bicycles?

20 MS. BERGMAN: Well, as realistic as I came  
21 up with was to ask Buford to take that huge hill  
22 behind Vons and we will make a trail for bicycles.  
23 And Palm Desert did ask me, "What can we do for  
24 Community 74? How can we be involved?" Well, I --

25 MS. HENDERSON: I am sorry? You what?

1 MS. BERGMAN: We need to get the bikes off  
2 the road, and if -- we could give them another access,  
3 another route. You said that -- nothing is realistic.  
4 As realistic as I could come up with was to have help  
5 with Palm Desert, we will find a mountain and we will  
6 go around the sheep and give the bicycles a place to  
7 train or do whatever they need to do that 74 gives  
8 them.

9 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

11 MR. CRITES: That issue would be -- the  
12 first thing to do would be to actually see if we can't  
13 contact people who ride Highway 74 and find out why.  
14 I mean, is it -- obviously, they are not doing it as  
15 transportation. There are particular reasons. And if  
16 we could find another place to satisfy that.

17 But I suspect a lot of them are not off-road  
18 bicyclers. They are paved road, endurance bicyclers  
19 and --

20 MS. BERGMAN: Well, I am willing to do that  
21 and to bring that back to you. But I have gotten a  
22 kind of haughty attitude from the bicycle people who  
23 say, "We belong there. We deserve to be there. Don't  
24 talk to us." And they haven't come to the meetings  
25 that they have been invited to. But I will pursue

1 that and see.

2 I did hear something about some sort of  
3 training that has to do with -- it's a limit. If you  
4 can do that, then you can -- I don't know enough about  
5 bicyclists, so --

6 MS. HENDERSON: But there's an organized  
7 group? I mean, you feel that you have a name?

8 MS. BERGMAN: Yes. I have been in contact  
9 with the bicycle club down here.

10 MS. HENDERSON: And are they generally the  
11 ones that are on 74?

12 MS. BERGMAN: They are part of the group,  
13 yes.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Next?

15 MR. KONNO: Hi. My name is Eddy Konno. I  
16 am with the California Department of Fish & Game.

17 And I guess my comments may make more sense  
18 after you discuss the recommendations for the Trails  
19 Plan, but I did see those a couple days ago.

20 MS. HENDERSON: Can't hear you.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Speak up a little.

22 MR. KONNO: I did see the recommendations  
23 for the Trails Plan. And I just wanted to make a  
24 couple of comments on that.

25 And one is there's a recommendation to open

1 the road to the orchard area. And what I wanted to  
2 say was that it would be difficult for the Department  
3 to support opening up critical habitat for Bighorn  
4 sheep to additional vehicle use.

5 My suggestion would be to relocate the  
6 trailhead, if that's the issue, outside of the  
7 critical habitat line on there.

8 There is also another thing about indicating  
9 that the opening of the Art Smith Trail for two days  
10 during the week -- it should be mentioned that those  
11 are for study trails. That wasn't the reason that we  
12 agreed to some form of having that trail opened for  
13 two days. Maybe not necessarily the way it was  
14 written in the draft plan. But to me, a study trail  
15 indicates that you have a study design, you are  
16 answering a specific question, and your design is  
17 statistically sound. And I have not seen a proposal  
18 for anything like this.

19 And so the opening of the trail during two  
20 days was in recognition of the need for providing  
21 hiking and equestrian use during the interim before we  
22 could get peripheral trails as an alternative in  
23 place.

24 There was also a statement about construction  
25 of trails. We deviated a little bit from the Bighorn

1 Sheep Management Plan or Recovery Plan for equestrian  
2 and hiking uses. However, everything else should  
3 follow the Plan and, therefore, construction of the  
4 trails should occur between October 1st through  
5 December 31st.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Buford?

8 MR. CRITES: A question. Buford Crites,  
9 Palm Desert.

10 Question: These are the perimeter trails  
11 that once they're built would be open all year-round?

12 MR. KONNO: Correct.

13 MR. CRITES: But, yet, building them, you  
14 couldn't build them all year-around so that you could  
15 open them all year-round?

16 MR. KONNO: Correct.

17 MR. CRITES: Okay.

18 MR. KONNO: They are within critical  
19 habitat, so construction of -- in terms of noise and  
20 things, you're not limited to that particular area.  
21 Sound carries. And so we would not want construction  
22 to be occurring during the lambing season for Bighorn  
23 sheep.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you.

25 Is there anyone else that wishes to speak

1 during this second and final public portion?

2 Thank you very much.

3 Now, comments from members of the Committee  
4 in regard to what you heard? Understanding that we  
5 are going to discuss the recommendation in the ad hoc  
6 committee later on, so I would ask that we hold those  
7 comments on that. Anything else?

8 Then let's resume to my agenda back here  
9 again. Let's resume, then, to the planning matrix  
10 discussion. And, Gary, you had the floor.

11 MR. WATTS: Thank you. In regard to the  
12 matrix, I know you hustled to put that together,  
13 Connell, and probably pulled some teeth to make sure  
14 they got the information to you, but I had some  
15 discussions with Terry outside the meeting in  
16 particular on dogs. So try to explain why the rules  
17 are different than the matrix shows. And I think the  
18 matrix clearly shows that those of us that are  
19 involved in active land management within the Monument  
20 and nearby that there are certain things that will not  
21 or cannot change. Wilderness designation by law  
22 dictates certain uses and that type of thing.

23 However, as I mentioned earlier, I think  
24 there are some areas within the matrix, specific  
25 subjects that allow us for some really good

1 collaborative opportunities, and I'd like to point  
2 those out to -- from my professional opinion where I  
3 see us as being an active partner in this overall  
4 Monument Management Plan. And I think some of the  
5 other speakers, the Agua Caliente and the other Fish &  
6 Game and other groups, may feel the same way.

7           Signage. Alex did a very good presentation  
8 earlier this morning on the signage. And from my  
9 perspective, the branding issue is really critical.  
10 And people need to understand that they are in the  
11 Monument. So that sits just perfect with me.

12           But -- and I have had this discussion with  
13 Alex. Maybe not with the entire Committee, but -- we  
14 need to have all of our signs somehow branded with the  
15 Monument. And, Barbara, I know, at lunchtime we  
16 talked a little bit about your needs as well.

17           So if there's a way -- in particular such as  
18 boundary signs or trail signs or landmark signs where  
19 we can brand with the Monument logo and then still  
20 allow the individual agency or entity branding if they  
21 desire it. And I know that we will need that because  
22 we've got, as I mentioned earlier, signs outside of  
23 the Monument, and we want to make sure people  
24 understand they are in the park the whole time,  
25 particularly as it relates to those dog issues and

1 other things that are park specific.

2           So I would recommend that we have some --  
3 that the Committee recommend in the Plan that there be  
4 some sort of universal, consistent sign program in  
5 place throughout the Monument. And I know that Alex  
6 and the team probably have given that a lot of  
7 thought, but I would like to make sure that the  
8 Committee maybe feels the same way about that. So I  
9 throw that as Item No. 1.

10           The next item is fees. Some agencies charge.  
11 Some don't. Some agencies have passes. Some don't.  
12 That type of thing.

13           In my perfect world, it would be ideal if we  
14 had some type of a Monument specific fee/permit. Now,  
15 probably in the minority here because I don't think we  
16 charge anything for using the state park unless you  
17 are outside the Monument over in the Idyllwild area;  
18 we will charge you to camp there. But it would be  
19 nice to be able to have a Monument fee instead of an  
20 Adventure Pass to go into the Forest Service area of  
21 Santa Rosa Mountain and then coming down to BLM. And  
22 I am not sure if they charge. And then, of course,  
23 the tribe probably needs to maintain their fee  
24 program.

25           So there might be some area where we could

1 make that work or the plan to address that need and  
2 deal with the specifics that have to be left in place.

3           Certainly from a permit standpoint, I think  
4 there's a wonderful opportunity there. If we could  
5 have a Monument permit that would allow access to go  
6 out. And, granted, there's going to be some problems  
7 such as the tram charges a significant fee to get up  
8 there, and then the tribe would probably still want to  
9 maintain that. But if there's some way that we could  
10 establish a system where the money could maybe go back  
11 to respective agencies and be collected so that if you  
12 went to the park or you went to the Forest Service or  
13 you went to the visitor center, you could just buy the  
14 permit. You wouldn't have to be directed over here  
15 and there. For public service, I think that makes a  
16 lot of sense. Seamless service. I think that should  
17 probably be our goal. And I would highly recommend  
18 that.

19           Third area of collaboration I see is  
20 interpretation and education. And I would strongly  
21 advise the group that we come up with a standard,  
22 generic program on the Monument that could be used by  
23 all of the partners so that we can still do our  
24 interpretation on whatever it may be, whether it's  
25 wilderness, as we do, or other things. But we still

1 -- all the departments -- have the opportunity to  
2 identify the Monument and everything in it. Big  
3 picture type stuff. So if we could give that,  
4 Monument staff. At some point, I would recommend that  
5 that be implemented or contained within the Plan as  
6 well.

7           And there may be some specifics that the  
8 other Committee members might feel would be  
9 appropriate.

10           And then the fourth thing that I would  
11 recommend in the Plan is that we approach an overall  
12 Fire Management Plan with all of the different  
13 agencies. As everyone knows, fire doesn't respect  
14 boundaries and fire will burn throughout the entire  
15 area. I think every agency within and near the  
16 Monument boundary itself needs to be coordinated into  
17 an overall Fire Management Plan.

18           Certainly with the State Park being  
19 threatened by fire as we speak right now, it's just  
20 terribly important for us to all be on the same page  
21 with one plan when it comes to wildfire.

22           And then the last thing I have is that there  
23 are certain subject areas that we all deal with albeit  
24 differently. Law enforcement, for instance. I think  
25 that Bary touched on this earlier. I think it's key

1 that the Management Plan calls for the management  
2 administration to have regularly scheduled meetings  
3 with all the affected agencies. In other words,  
4 either yearly or twice yearly we have a meeting  
5 dealing with specifically law enforcement issues so  
6 everyone that's dealing with that is on the same page.

7 Fire, obviously, is another area of concern.  
8 And then resource management is another thing  
9 that I think we need to address globally instead of  
10 each individual agency looking at how we are going to  
11 do this.

12 So those are some areas that I saw as I  
13 looked at the matrix that I think we can build upon as  
14 far as recommendations. And I don't know if the  
15 Committee would like that or not, but I throw it out  
16 as a starting point for you all to chew on and maybe  
17 start some discussion.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other Committee members  
19 wishing to make comments?

20 MS. WATLING: At the Pinyon Community  
21 Council meetings, we very often have -- the sheriff  
22 comes every time and the CHP comes when we ask them  
23 to, and they do more of this coordinating, but the  
24 fire crews --

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ruth, speak up, please.

1 MS. WATLING: I am sorry -- the fire crews  
2 in particular coordinate very well. And I encourage  
3 that too. But we have a big four-wheel-drive fire  
4 engine that BLM sent up with a crew of six that really  
5 supplements our little crew of three and volunteers.

6 So it's kind of there. I don't know if it's  
7 formalized, but at least they are all looking at the  
8 same issues and working together on them.

9 MR. WATTS: Well, to bring up fire as a big  
10 example, in parks we have certain areas where we would  
11 not be opposed to letting things burn. There are  
12 other areas, such as cultural sites, that we would go  
13 to great lengths to protect from fires. Things of  
14 that nature.

15 And so we know that. We have that in our  
16 plan. I think the Monument needs to have that same  
17 type of approach overall so that we all know what each  
18 other is doing in the event of a fire that escapes  
19 boundaries; we have a good, coordinated response with  
20 everybody that has a piece of the pie dealing with it.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments?  
22 Questions?

23 Thank you, Connell.

24 Next item is the discussion concerning the  
25 recommendations by the ad hoc committee on the Plan

1 Amendment, BLM Plan Amendment, and Trails Plan.

2 And, Jim, if you might make yourself  
3 available at the podium if there's any questions,  
4 comments, since this is your baby.

5 As directed at our last meeting, the work  
6 groups met and discussed the BLM draft trail plan, and  
7 then on July 30th representatives from those  
8 committees met at my call and discussed the various  
9 portions of the Plan and how they might affect their  
10 committee. And then after chatting a bit about that,  
11 we then decided to go down piece by piece, square by  
12 square, as it were, and make recommendations.

13 The recommendations, then, as set forth in  
14 the memorandum to the Monument Advisory Committee  
15 which you find at your desk before you dated July  
16 30th, "Subject: Recommendations on BLM draft Santa  
17 Rosa - San Jacinto Mountains Trail Management Plan"  
18 refer to the Executive Summary.

19 Executive Summary, page ES-23, concerning the  
20 trail use, if you look to the first bullet, and  
21 suggested that there be some explanation as to the  
22 reason for the two days per week schedule, and it was  
23 suggested by one of the Committee members -- it was  
24 meant to evaluate the impact of human activity on the  
25 sheep.

1           We have already heard that perhaps that  
2 wasn't the reason. And, Jim, maybe you might want to  
3 comment on that.

4           MR. KENNA: Yes. I think that's probably a  
5 fair comment and does need clarification in answer to  
6 the first part.

7           In answer to the second part, which is, I  
8 think, what was the intent, I do think there was  
9 intent to at least set up the opportunity where there  
10 was the option to look at the differences or if there  
11 are differences between when trail users are present  
12 and when they're not. And having this sort of an on  
13 again/off again approach would give that opportunity  
14 as well.

15           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So our feeling or belief  
16 would be that there be a little bit of explanation as  
17 to why the two days, because if it hit us, who --

18           MR. KENNA: I agree.

19           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: -- basically think we  
20 understand this whole thing, and mixed us up, maybe a  
21 couple words to explain why two days doesn't look  
22 ridiculous.

23           MR. KENNA: That's a helpful comment.

24           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: On trail use, the second  
25 bullet, I thought perhaps -- "Explain that the free

1 permit requirement is to increase education and  
2 provide a system for monitoring trail use."

3 That was the explanation that came out of our  
4 discussions as a reasonable use. And then perhaps if  
5 that's the case, you would also expand on the  
6 explanation.

7 MR. KENNA: I think that's also helpful.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: By the way, anytime that a  
9 Committee member wishes to jump in here, please do.  
10 This is the representation from your ad hoc committee.  
11 But, certainly, it is just that, a recommendation.  
12 And I just thought it would be helpful if we had Jim  
13 up here to explain some of these that we weren't too  
14 sure about.

15 Trail use, fourth bullet. "The question  
16 arose concerning the 'nine years' target date.  
17 Perhaps an explanation should be part of this  
18 paragraph. And if the nine years is necessary, then  
19 perhaps the paragraph might be changed to read,  
20 'Within nine years, Seasonal Trail Area closures will  
21 be phased in, as new perimeter trails are  
22 constructed.' Finally, it is suggested that the 'new  
23 permit trails' be identified as a part of this plan."

24 The concern that brought up that last  
25 sentence was that if some identification wasn't made

1 at this time of those trails, for lack of a better  
2 word, of concern were not set forth, then perhaps the  
3 land would be utilized by some other use and then  
4 block the possibility of a trail.

5 MR. KENNA: Yes. I think that's a  
6 reasonable comment as well. I think it's, again,  
7 asking for some clarification in terms of the thought  
8 process underneath the item.

9 And that's a good comment. We can do that.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Did the nine years have  
11 some significance?

12 MR. KENNA: Well, I think it was an attempt  
13 to take into account the practical realities of  
14 working on the scale of the Monument and the number of  
15 areas that were identified with perimeter trails, and  
16 to acknowledge the fact that it's going to take some  
17 time to put all this in place and to put some sort of  
18 a schedule and an order to that.

19 And I think that's about the size of it.  
20 But, you know, I probably would defer to staff if they  
21 have other ideas that I miss.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob, you had a comment?

23 MR. BROCKMAN: Yes. I think it might be  
24 useful to clarify that these comments relate to  
25 Alternative B in the matrix, for those people that

1 might have read some of this, and it was in  
2 Alternative B where I think the nine-year comment came  
3 up.

4 And the concern amongst, I think, all of us  
5 was that there needs to be a replacement trail that  
6 goes with a trail closure, not at the end of nine  
7 years, but as you go all the way through the period.

8 MR. KENNA: Sort of a concurrent approach.  
9 I think that makes sense.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's a good point, Bob.  
11 Thank you. These are all in reference to  
12 Alternative B.

13 Buford?

14 MR. CRITES: Adding to Bob's comment, I  
15 think the existing Option B or Alternative B notes  
16 that park closures would happen in nine years, period.  
17 In nine years, they'd go into effect. And I think  
18 there's concern or would be concern in the recreation  
19 community that we could have a lot of planning and a  
20 lot of this and a lot of that and at the end of nine  
21 years a lot of these trails aren't constructed and the  
22 other trails will go away, and that there needs to be  
23 a guarantee of an alternative -- I don't care if it  
24 takes two months or 20 years -- before park closures  
25 hit.

1                   MR. KENNA: I think I understand the point.  
2                   And I think probably this is a good opportunity to  
3                   express one other concept that I think is relevant to  
4                   these comments in general, and that is that what we  
5                   have out there right now is the BLM analysis for the  
6                   federal side of the Multiple Species Plan and that,  
7                   obviously, for this kind of a Trails Plan to work,  
8                   given all the multiple jurisdictions, we need the  
9                   Multiple Species Plan side that is non-federal to come  
10                  along with it.

11                  This is not expected to be the last hurrah.  
12                  This was our attempt to sort of benchmark where the  
13                  process is at this point. And I think that some of  
14                  those comments -- you know, there may well be some  
15                  tweaking of alternatives in the process with the local  
16                  jurisdictions.

17                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

18                  MS. HENDERSON: Did I hear you, Jim, just a  
19                  few seconds or minutes ago agree that the new trail --  
20                  the perimeter trails should or could be identified for  
21                  adoption of this plan?

22                  MR. KENNA: I guess I didn't quite go that  
23                  far. I don't think I did.

24                  MS. HENDERSON: Well, that's what the record  
25                  is going to show.

1                   MR. KENNA: I think what I did say is I  
2 think it makes all kinds of sense to try and do things  
3 on as concurrent of a basis as possible during the  
4 course of that nine years so that the trails are being  
5 put in place.

6                   What we did do in this effort thus far is we  
7 have identified those areas where a perimeter trail is  
8 needed or should be placed and there is a subgroup  
9 that has been working out of the trails working group  
10 that is looking to identify specific trails. In  
11 addition, BLM staff have also been working on trying  
12 to identify specific trail alignments.

13                   How close we will be able to call those by  
14 this fall when the local side of the multiple species  
15 planning process is completed, I can't give you a  
16 precise answer on it yet, but we are taking a hard run  
17 at it.

18                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

19                   MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, Palm Desert.

20                   But if you can't list a specific location,  
21 you need to be able to list a specific corridor in  
22 which it will happen. One of the worst things we  
23 could do in this whole process is, "Hey, here's a  
24 place for a perimeter trail," and a year and a half  
25 down the road, you know, Fish & Wildlife don't like

1 this, the "City of X" doesn't like this, and Fish &  
2 Game has a legitimate issue with something, and the  
3 end result is we don't have anyplace.

4 And we could end up with lots of corridors  
5 and zero perimeters unless we have some kind of  
6 blessing that somewhere within this it's going to  
7 happen.

8 MR. KENNA: I think there are two things  
9 there. And, one, I think you want to make sure, if I  
10 heard right, that these aren't just straw dogs, that  
11 they are real. And that's a fair comment.

12 And I think, you know, certainly to the  
13 degree I can speak for, at least to BLM, our intent is  
14 certainly to make sure that they're not.

15 That being said, you know, there are a lot of  
16 players in the trails planning process, and so we want  
17 to get it as precise as we can. But there's going to  
18 be a point where we can't carry it a whole lot further  
19 and get to a decision that there are going to be some  
20 details of engineering and this and that with the  
21 number of trails and the number of areas affected that  
22 we will have to go to the next step in the process.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff?

24 MR. MORGAN: Yes, Jim. Nine years is a heck  
25 of a long time. In the last nine years, I think

1 there's been 15 golf courses in the valley and it  
2 probably won't be any different in the next nine  
3 years. And if you don't identify where these trails  
4 go now, you might come back in two or three years and  
5 say, "Oh, that's where we wanted a trail," but now  
6 they are all playing golf.

7           You have to do something now before the  
8 development occurs. Otherwise, you will not be able  
9 to do it at a later day. So even if you don't build  
10 them for nine years or twenty years, I believe you  
11 have to identify them now and seek rights-of-way or  
12 purchase the land and go through the stages before  
13 it's too late.

14           MR. KENNA: I would agree that there is a  
15 sense of urgency in this and that, you know, what I  
16 think we are attempting to do with the nine years --  
17 and we can take a look at that, I guess, as well,  
18 but -- is to make sure that we are not writing a plan  
19 that then we turn around and say, "Well, this was  
20 supposed to have happened a year ago and it isn't done  
21 yet." I think we are trying to be very realistic. I  
22 would love to have it all in place in much shorter  
23 periods of time, as I'm sure you would.

24           And I think we are working diligently on it  
25 and I know members of your group are involved in doing

1 just that as well. We will move as quick as we can  
2 move and, you know, try and get these trails  
3 identified and ideally built.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry? No? Anyone else?  
5 We will continue. Oh, sorry, Larry.

6 MR. GRAFTON: Question. Larry Grafton, City  
7 of Indian Wells.

8 This is a NEPA document?

9 MR. KENNA: Correct.

10 MR. GRAFTON: So you need an EIS statement  
11 for the NEPA process?

12 MR. KENNA: This larger one is, uh-huh.

13 MR. GRAFTON: Some of these trails are on  
14 private land, which would be then subject to CEQA.

15 MR. KENNA: That's correct. That was the  
16 other part of the process that I think I referenced  
17 earlier.

18 MR. GRAFTON: Because looking at some of  
19 your proposals for these trails, I mean, I hate to  
20 tell you this, but this draft environmental impact  
21 statement is really lacking in any detail, without any  
22 of the potential impacts of these new trails.

23 And I am concerned that you are even saying  
24 that you are going to build these trails without  
25 having a lot of study into what's going on there.

1                   MR. KENNA: No. I am not trying to say that  
2 we are going to build any specific trail. I am not  
3 trying to make a predictional statement at all. I am  
4 just trying to articulate intent, I think, of the  
5 alternatives. And the intent of the alternatives is  
6 to try and get peripheral trails in place where trail  
7 closures are also planned.

8                   MR. GRAFTON: I think you need to state  
9 that. Because my opinion from these documents is that  
10 there will be certain trails that will be built. So  
11 if your intent is basically just saying, "We are going  
12 to look for other alternatives," that's one thing.  
13 But when you start saying, "We are looking at Corridor  
14 A, B, and C," that's a totally different realm.

15                   MR. KENNA: Well, yeah. I think you're --  
16 this is probably part of the disconnect between the  
17 federal process and the multiple species planning  
18 process relative to trails.

19                   I think that in our federal process, at the  
20 resource management planning level, which is the level  
21 this document is at, we would not do the detail or  
22 specific stuff that you are talking about.

23                   However, that being said, we recognize that  
24 it needs to be done. So any specific trail alignment  
25 probably would have a subsequent NEPA document on it

1 once it was -- I mean, to deal with the issues that  
2 you are talking about.

3 MR. GRAFTON: But this document is part of  
4 the multispecies, is it not?

5 MR. KENNA: It is the BLM contribution. It  
6 is the Plan Amendment to the BLM California Desert  
7 Conservation Area Plan.

8 MR. GRAFTON: Another issue --

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let me just jump in real  
10 quick. There's a white Cherokee Jeep, 3 CAL 415, in  
11 the parking lot. The alarm is going off. So that's  
12 an alarming situation.

13 Please go ahead.

14 MR. GRAFTON: Since we are talking about  
15 the -- I guess it's the Executive Summary -- this one?

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Are you going to talk  
17 about the Executive Summary?

18 MR. GRAFTON: On page 13, you identify the  
19 Eisenhower Mountain Trails as being Palm Desert.  
20 They're not. They are in the City of Indian Wells.  
21 Correct that.

22 MR. KENNA: Page 13.

23 MR. GRAFTON: And on page 50, you list me as  
24 the Chief City Planner. I thank you for the  
25 promotion, but I'm not. I am a Senior Planner.

1                   MR. KENNA: My apologies and  
2                   congratulations.

3                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Or is that condolences?

4                   MR. GRAFTON: That's all.

5                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We will then continue with  
6                   the ad hoc. Barbara?

7                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yes. I just have a  
8                   couple questions or concerns.

9                   On the cultural/native aspects that you have  
10                  on Alternative A and C, you have B is the same as A  
11                  and C or --

12                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: What page are you  
13                  offering?

14                  MS. GONZALES-LYONS: The Executive Summary,  
15                  36.

16                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You are getting ahead of  
17                  us. Can you wait till we get there?

18                  MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Oh. I am sorry. All  
19                  right. I will wait, then.

20                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: All right. Thank you.

21                  Still on page ES-23, "Trail Use," fifth  
22                  bullet. There was doubt expressed that the Sheep  
23                  Ambassadors were worth the expense and should perhaps  
24                  be discontinued -- should not be continued? Same  
25                  difference.

1                   MR. KENNA: I guess at that point I will  
2 just take that as a comment.

3                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Executive Summary  
4 page ES-24, "Camping."

5                   MR. CRITES: Oh, Mr. Chairman?

6                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Buford?

7                   MR. CRITES: It might be of value to see if  
8 we have any other comments from the Committee on the  
9 trails use component.

10                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That went without saying.  
11 I said anytime --

12                  MR. CRITES: I am just saying, just sort of  
13 formally say, "Anything else on the trails anybody  
14 else wants to" --

15                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anything else on the  
16 trails that anyone else would like to input that we  
17 didn't go to on trails?

18                  MR. CRITES: Yes.

19                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, sir, Buford?

20                  MR. CRITES: Yes. Perhaps by not  
21 mentioning, it's mentioned. But I think on trails  
22 use, the issue of where or where not would mountain  
23 bikes be allowed ought to be addressed. And I know  
24 that by not addressing it in some ways that addresses  
25 it, but that, in a lot of parts of the U.S. and the

1 Western United States, is a significant issue between  
2 hikers and equestrians and all the rest of that. And  
3 I know part of that, also, are city issues and  
4 everything, but it needs to be in here.

5 MR. KENNA: I think that's a reasonable  
6 request.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Would that be under -- we  
8 have to jump ahead, but we have a section here,  
9 "Motorized Vehicles" --

10 MR. CRITES: Well, that's not motorized.  
11 Mountains bikes, bicycles.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I am sorry. I  
13 misunderstood.

14 MR. CRITES: No. Not motorcycles. And I  
15 think it would go in that first section.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Allan?

17 MR. MUTH: Centering on a parochial issue,  
18 one of the trails --

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You need to speak up. She  
20 can't hear you.

21 MR. MUTH: One of the proposed trails is  
22 dead on arrival for crossing from Palm Desert to  
23 La Quinta because it went right through the middle of  
24 our Research Center. We were never approached by  
25 anybody to talk about this. How come? Are there

1 other proposal orders that go across similar areas  
2 where the owners of that property aren't even aware of  
3 it? I see some agreement over there from our  
4 neighbors in Indian Wells.

5 So this is a serious issue. If you are going  
6 to want definition of where the trails are going to  
7 be, this is a problem.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford? Let's let Jim  
9 comment first.

10 MR. CRITES: I would just add to that  
11 comment.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You are just going to  
13 expand; right?

14 MR. CRITES: Right. Because I think it's a  
15 misidentification.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Were other people involved  
17 in this?

18 MR. KENNA: Yes. I mean, to go back to the  
19 process that led to the development of this, it grew  
20 out of the Multiple Species Plan, and all of the  
21 cities, all of the -- you know, certainly the  
22 university were involved. But this particular set of  
23 trails, the three alignments between Palm Desert and  
24 La Quinta, that really was at the very, very, very  
25 tail end of the process. And I do acknowledge that,

1 you know, the groups had pretty well thinned out at  
2 that point.

3 So you're right. I mean, it's a fair  
4 criticism to say that there's still work to be done  
5 with Indian Wells and with the Research Center.  
6 That's a fair criticism.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

8 MR. CRITES: I'd also add, I think, that the  
9 alternative that was referred to that day as skirting  
10 the edge of UC ended up coming out in the Plan as  
11 identified as a canyon that goes right through UC.  
12 Coyote or whatever it is.

13 MR. MUTH: No. That was a third  
14 alternative. It did go through Coyote Canyon and  
15 right on down. But they also identified the trail  
16 that we had discussed at Ironwood and -- as another  
17 alternative as well as one going through the Living  
18 Desert. Those were the three alternatives. That was  
19 not a misidentification.

20 MR. CRITES: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comment well taken?

22 MR. KENNA: Yes. I think we do understand  
23 that there's work to be done there still.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Now are we done with  
25 trails?

1                   We will move on, then, to the ES-24.  
2       "Camping." We also have cross-country travel. Does  
3       any member have any comments concerning cross-country  
4       travel? The ad hoc committee did not.

5                   Jeff?

6                   MR. MORGAN: Yes. Cross-country travel is  
7       going to occur whether --

8                   UNIDENTIFIED: Louder, please.

9                   MR. MORGAN: Cross-country travel is going  
10      to occur in the Santa Rosa Mountains whether you like  
11      it or not. There are hundreds, maybe thousands of  
12      people out there who just go to climb specific peaks,  
13      Sheep Mountain, Haystack Mountain, whatever. There  
14      are lists of them they share between themselves. They  
15      have organizations that list them.

16                  And the prohibition of cross-country travel  
17      should, I believe, keep it reasonable for everyone,  
18      the participants in these activities be the same as  
19      the Seasonal Area Closures. In other words, if you  
20      are closing the trails in that time, you should also  
21      close it to cross-country travel in that time. But  
22      when the trails are open, the cross-country areas  
23      should be open so those people can go in and do what  
24      they do anyway.

25                  That's just a comment.

1                   MR. KENNA: Okay. We can take a look at  
2 that. I am not ready to pronounce on the biology of  
3 that on the spot.

4                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anything else on  
5 cross-country trails?

6                   Okay. Under "Camping," the ad hoc committee  
7 suggests that we change the word "essential sheep  
8 habitat" to "Seasonal Trail Area." There's a large  
9 area of the Monument outside the designated Seasonal  
10 Travel Area.

11                   Did I say "travel"? I meant "trail."

12                   You've got an accompanying map, Jim, that  
13 shows --

14                   MR. KENNA: Right.

15                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: -- the Seasonal Trail  
16 Area. And we just felt that what you were talking  
17 about was truly designated within the Seasonal Trail  
18 Area, not the entire essential sheep habitat.

19                   MR. KENNA: Right. The two things are  
20 geographically different, if I am remembering the  
21 mapping correctly, and I think there's a deliberate  
22 attempt in the Seasonal Trail Area -- it actually is  
23 smaller than the essential habitat.

24                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's correct. That was  
25 the notation.

1                   MR. KENNA: And if, in fact, the differences  
2 are not clear, which I think is the comment, we should  
3 clean that up. Is that right?

4                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's correct. Either  
5 change the wording, which would then match your map,  
6 and that's the area --

7                   MR. KENNA: Oh, okay. You are saying that  
8 we've got a map that's mismarked?

9                   MR. MORGAN: No.

10                  MR. KENNA: I guess I am not understanding  
11 what the issue is.

12                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, you've got a map  
13 that shows purple, and it's called the Seasonal Trail  
14 Area.

15                  MR. KENNA: Okay.

16                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: But yet the area that you  
17 are talking about that would be closed or affected  
18 within that Seasonal Trail Area, by saying the  
19 "essential sheep habitat," you then extended that  
20 outside that Seasonal Trail Area.

21                  MR. KENNA: Okay. I understand the comment  
22 now. I wasn't connecting. Now I've got it.

23                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We are just changing those  
24 words so that what you are trying to say matches your  
25 map.

1                   MR. CRITES: I'd also at least suggest that  
2                   within the Seasonal Trail Area, those trail areas that  
3                   are open given times within that perimeter should have  
4                   at least potential of camping, assuming they obey all  
5                   the other BLM regulations, a quarter of a mile from  
6                   water and so on and so on and so forth. But if you  
7                   can walk through it, you ought to be able to sit down  
8                   and take a nap.

9                   MR. KENNA: It's just that you should not  
10                  take a nap.

11                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: He will need a rock to put  
12                  his head on; right?

13                  Any other comments, then, on the camping  
14                  section?

15                  Then we go on to dogs. Any comments on dogs?  
16                  Yes, Larry?

17                  MR. GRAFTON: I think that you need to  
18                  check. Under Alternative B, they have an exemption,  
19                  seeing-eye dogs. I think there's terminology, and I  
20                  can't remember if it's "companion dogs" or something  
21                  else. There's other people who need to use animals  
22                  for assistance. And I don't know what that  
23                  terminology is, so --

24                  MR. KENNA: We can check that. I mean,  
25                  you're right. Whatever it is in the regulation is

1 probably what we should be using if we didn't use the  
2 right thing. Good point.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments on dogs?

4 MR. MUTH: Is that on your sheet,  
5 Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I am sorry?

7 MS. HENDERSON: No. We only did trails on  
8 that.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We didn't do dogs.

10 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I just have a comment.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Barbara?

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: On No. 3, it says "Dogs  
13 kept in vehicles." What do you mean by that?

14 MR. KENNA: What page are we on?

15 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: On ES-24, on dogs. You  
16 have, "The following are exempt from the prohibition  
17 of not having dogs." And they are, "Seeing-eye dogs;  
18 dogs assisting law enforcement; and dogs kept in  
19 vehicles."

20 I mean -- what do you mean by that? If I  
21 have a dog, I can take him up there as long as it's  
22 kept in the car, and if it gets overheated then the  
23 dog dies?

24 MR. KENNA: Well, certainly, we are not  
25 trying to suggest that anyone should kill their dog by

1 leaving them in a vehicle, but I do think the intent  
2 is that if you are up there with a dog and you want to  
3 get out in the Monument, that as long as you leave the  
4 dog in the car -- and presumably the dog owner would  
5 come back soon enough so that the dog would be okay,  
6 but -- that that is permissible. The idea is to not  
7 have the dogs out into that habitat. So if someone  
8 sees a dog having stress -- that's what happens here  
9 in the desert. I mean, it gets heated. The car  
10 temperature gets -- what? -- 10 degrees higher?

11 MS. GEORGE: At least.

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Then the outside  
13 temperature -- no one is going to be able to do  
14 anything for that dog because it's permitted to keep  
15 him locked in a car.

16 MR. KENNA: Well, I mean, assuming we ran  
17 into a specific circumstance like that, I think we  
18 probably could figure out what to do, whether it would  
19 be, you know, getting ahold of a person -- an official  
20 person if they were in the area, whether it was the  
21 BLM or highway patrol or whatever.

22 Another option is, you know, I guess the risk  
23 is that, you know, if you took the dog out, there  
24 might be a violation involved. But I suppose if it  
25 were on balance, the dog's life or something like

1 that, you might make some judgments there. And I  
2 think each individual probably might make those  
3 differently, but I think that's okay.

4 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: New trail development,  
6 page ES-25. "There was a question raised as to the  
7 July 1 to January 14 limit for trail construction,  
8 since those are perimeter trails and mostly not within  
9 the essential sheep habitat area."

10 MR. KENNA: I think this was a comment we --  
11 or a question Buford asked earlier. And I think at  
12 this point we'd have to think about that in terms of  
13 the biology and the locations and -- but I think what  
14 you are asking is there may be some areas where it  
15 might make sense to go ahead and continue construction  
16 outside of that time period.

17 And I guess we need to take a look at that.  
18 I can't --

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We are suggesting perhaps  
20 some additional verbiage might be necessary.

21 MR. KENNA: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

23 MR. CRITES: I hear Fish & Game's comment  
24 about noise, and you can do things that prohibit noise  
25 above X level. So if somebody is dynamiting or

1 running a bulldozer, that's one thing, but a lot of  
2 trail building isn't any noisier than some people  
3 taking a walk.

4 MR. KENNA: I think your point is understood  
5 and taken, and I think what we need to do is go back  
6 and take a look at the underlying rationale for that  
7 and make sure that, you know, we are consciously going  
8 one way or the other and just not prepared to do that  
9 on the spur.

10 MR. CRITES: The other issue is right now,  
11 the alternative suggests that you can't go higher than  
12 200 feet. And that kind of blanket statement that's  
13 in there is probably not particularly good -- if I  
14 were doing trails construction, you might want to say  
15 "generally should not" or something, but there may be  
16 places where going above 200 feet is less destructive  
17 of areas and is easier to build and better for hikers  
18 and everything else than some kind of flat line that  
19 you can't move above.

20 MR. KENNA: Fair point.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Second comment. "Murray  
22 Hill Facilities: It is suggested the word  
23 'permanently' be inserted prior to the word  
24 'relocated' in the third line," once again, to better  
25 describe what you really want to do. The way it reads

1 now is you could be meaning to move it back and forth.

2 Anything else under "New Trail Development"?

3 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes. Terry.

5 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson, La Quinta.

6 Have we identified a funding for any of these  
7 trails? Is it going to be your budget?

8 MR. KENNA: Well, I think it's most likely  
9 going to be a combination and it's going to vary from  
10 trail to trail to trail depending on the jurisdictions  
11 that might be involved in any specific area. Clearly,  
12 there will be parts of this where BLM lands are  
13 involved where we are certainly going to end up  
14 playing a role.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Is the funding issue being  
16 addressed through the Multiple Species Habitat Plan?

17 MR. KENNA: I don't think -- and there may  
18 be others here in the cities that can correct me if I  
19 get out of bounds here, but my recollection is that  
20 was not included in the cost calculations for the  
21 Multiple Species Plan.

22 But I would certainly defer to any of the  
23 other representatives from the cities who might know  
24 the details of the cost calculations better than I do.

25 MS. HENDERSON: Well, Mr. Chairman, as the

1 Executive Director of the BIA, do you know if part of  
2 the development fee that is being associated with the  
3 Multispecies, is there going to be a percentage set  
4 aside of that for new trail development?

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Not to my knowledge at  
6 this time.

7 MR. KENNA: I don't think so.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The discussions which are  
9 still very preliminary as to the cost requirements of  
10 the Multispecies Plan basically around the cost of  
11 land. However, there will be an upcoming meeting  
12 where we will be talking about fees, and I'm sure at  
13 that time there will be areas such as you've suggested  
14 brought up as perhaps to be a portion of that fee.

15 But at this time all figures that I've seen  
16 have been based entirely on the potential cost of land  
17 that might be involved within the area of the  
18 Multispecies Plan.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Well, I would recommend as  
20 we go through the various working groups on -- or with  
21 this proposal that we start to surface this funding  
22 issue, because the plan -- and identifying the nine  
23 years, eight years, even if we want to go 15 or down  
24 to two, it's not going to matter if we don't know  
25 where the funds are going to come in from.

1                   MR. KENNA: I think that's a point well  
2 taken, and particularly in light of -- I mean, there's  
3 certainly -- at least we hope to see some National  
4 Monument funding dedicated to these trails issues both  
5 on the BLM and the Forest Service side.

6                   There also are a number of areas where other  
7 jurisdictions will be engaged and I don't know what  
8 their ability to contribute to trails construction on  
9 perimeter trails, for example, might be, but we would  
10 anticipate seeing some sort of a partnership and  
11 certainly in areas where there's substantial ownership  
12 by a city.

13                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And since the cause of  
14 relocation of the trails is Fish & Game and Fish &  
15 Wildlife, it would be probable to believe that they  
16 would put in sizable amounts of funds for construction  
17 of the trails.

18                   MR. KENNA: I think I am going to duck that  
19 one.

20                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My apologies again. I  
21 jumped Trail Rerouting and Trail Decommission and  
22 Removal in my haste to get to Murray Hill Facilities.  
23 So Trail Rerouting, were there any comments there?  
24 And Trail Decommission and Removal, any comments  
25 there?

1 All right. Then we get to the Murray Hill  
2 Facilities. And I think we are just suggesting you  
3 insert the word "permanently."

4 MR. KENNA: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We just wondered whether  
6 we were going to see Jim up there every year carrying  
7 the tables up and down.

8 MR. KENNA: That would be good for me as far  
9 as exercise.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. And then we come to  
11 Noncommercial, Noncompetitive Organized Group  
12 Activities. Again, operating under Alternative B.  
13 Comments there?

14 We will go on, then, to Nonmotorized  
15 Commercial Recreational Activities. This is on page  
16 ES-26.

17 And then turning to ES-27, Motorized  
18 Commercial Recreation Activities, the ad hoc committee  
19 had a note, "MAC will probably be suggesting that the  
20 portion of Dunn Road from Highway 74 to the north side  
21 of the orchard be open for year-round use to provide  
22 opportunities to utilize two trails in the area."

23 Stopping right at that point, the ad hoc  
24 committee and, also, the tour group when we toured the  
25 area was led to understand that Fish & Game, Fish &

1 Wildlife would have no problem with that area since it  
2 is outside of the area that the sheep actually -- just  
3 stopping at that point for a moment for discussion,  
4 since it was brought up, and perhaps Fish & Game would  
5 like to --

6 MR. KENNA: I am not going to comment on a  
7 position that Fish & Game or Fish & Wildlife Service  
8 may or may not take, other than I think it's a  
9 reasonable thing to analyze.

10 MS. CADY: Jim, we can't hear you back here.

11 MR. KENNA: I am sorry.

12 MS. HENDERSON: We can't hear him up here.

13 MR. KENNA: I just -- it's sort of like  
14 you -- I don't know if you expect me to take a  
15 position on what the Fish & Wildlife Service and Fish  
16 & Game might do, but that seems inappropriate.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No. No.

18 Yes? Al first.

19 MR. MUTH: Just a point of clarification.  
20 Where is the essential sheep habitat line relative to  
21 the orchard? Where is that?

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff?

23 MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan.

24 I am looking at this map with the essential  
25 sheep habitat line, and it is approximately one-half a

1 mile before the end of the orchard where the access  
2 road to Dunn Road from Pinyon makes a right turn at  
3 the end of the orchard. The essential sheep habitat  
4 line is approximately one-half mile to the south of  
5 that point.

6 MR. MUTH: South? Not north?

7 MR. MORGAN: Not north. South.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So essential sheep habitat  
9 would then take in a small part of the orchard?

10 MR. MORGAN: A small part, yes.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: A small part of the  
12 orchard.

13 Does that answer your question, Al?

14 MR. MUTH: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Gary?

16 MR. WATTS: Having been on a field trip and  
17 recognizing the value of those trails from a  
18 recreational standpoint, I have to put on my other hat  
19 here representing Fish & Game Department as well, and  
20 their feelings are pretty strong that they wouldn't be  
21 able to support this beyond a line, as Jeff just spoke  
22 to.

23 So I couldn't support on behalf of Fish &  
24 Game the language unless there was an alternative such  
25 as it stopped at a critical line or trailhead or

1 staging area. So I just wanted to get that on the  
2 record.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Buford?

4 MR. CRITES: That area, the -- I think BLM  
5 and City of Palm Springs and the Forest Service and  
6 Friends of the Mountains and all of that spent the  
7 last four or five years trying to lower the amount of  
8 illegal trespass, off-roading, shooting, and  
9 everything else back there and have barely begun to  
10 make, I think, a significant positive dent in that,  
11 and a proposal like this would throw open a road into  
12 an area that is in the city limits of the City of Palm  
13 Springs but has no visitation in terms of patrols from  
14 there, no patrolling from either of the federal  
15 agencies.

16 I think the opening of this is an invitation  
17 to a disaster in terms of what it would do to that  
18 area of the National Monument, which is not to say  
19 that under controlled situations people shouldn't go  
20 in, shouldn't hike, shouldn't do this and that, but  
21 this asks for a general improved graded road, packing  
22 area, et cetera, et cetera, which leads right to the  
23 heart of Palm Canyon, which leads right into the heart  
24 of other sheep habitat and everything else.

25 I certainly couldn't find any support for

1 this at this time at all personally.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comment?

3 I have a comment here from Bill Havert, who  
4 couldn't make today's meeting.

5 He says, "I do not concur with the upper Dunn  
6 Road being improved all the way to the orchard to  
7 allow use of all types of street vehicles. I think  
8 that entails too much improvement. Street vehicles  
9 can make it to Section 29, T6S, R5E now" -- wherever  
10 that is. That was my comment. I would leave it that  
11 way -- "and provide a parking area and trailhead in  
12 Section 29, possibly even provide remote camping  
13 facilities. I would limit access beyond that to  
14 pedestrian, mountain bike, and equestrian."

15 Jeff, you have the map there. Can you help  
16 us; what's he talking about?

17 MR. MORGAN: This Section 29, the Friends  
18 section. This is a question for --

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford? Yes.

20 MR. CRITES: I could support making the  
21 parking area by the Forest Service a gate, and the end  
22 of Section 29, the north end of Section 29. It would  
23 increase the walk in terms of the trailhead by  
24 approximately 25 minutes, maybe a little bit longer.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is that the first gate or

1 the second gate?

2 MR. MUTH: The first gate. The second gate  
3 is where the corral is. At the end of the northern  
4 section of 29, the parking area there would be --

5 MR. INGRAM: It's the old first gate.

6 MR. MORGAN: The old first gate.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Where Jerry lives?

8 MR. INGRAM: No. That's the second gate.  
9 The first gate.

10 MR. MORGAN: All right. Most of the people  
11 don't know where Jerry lives, so I am saying the  
12 northern boundary of Section 29 where the road meets  
13 the northern boundary has a gate.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So the very first gate is  
15 where Bill is saying that's where it ought to end?

16 MR. MORGAN: No. He is saying --

17 MR. CRITES: Yes. That's what he's saying.

18 MR. INGRAM: Asbestos mines is Section 28.  
19 Twenty-nine is right across the road. Section 29 is  
20 where Mike Dunn used to come up on the weekend, stay  
21 in the double-wide right there. That's 29.

22 Twenty-eight is asbestos, the old mine.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. We have a  
24 difference of opinion. And so for the Committee to  
25 make any comment on this, we would need a motion and a

1 vote. Otherwise, there would be no comment on this  
2 section.

3 Do I have a motion?

4 MR. MORGAN: I will make a motion that we  
5 still consider parking on the trailhead in that area.  
6 If nobody wants to go beyond the Forest Service gate  
7 at this time, that's fine, but it should be that  
8 Forest Service gate, because people -- it just gets  
9 too far to walk when you have to walk an hour and a  
10 half to get to the trailhead. People won't go there.

11 And I know that land is currently owned by  
12 the Friends of the Desert Mountains. They are  
13 cleaning it up. They are going to arrange to transfer  
14 it to the Forest Service at some stage in the future.

15 But the gate, the second gate, which everyone  
16 seems to agree is the one there, is a defensible  
17 position for vehicles, off-road vehicles going  
18 through. There's a barrier. There's fencing.  
19 There's a fairly secure gate. I think that's a  
20 reasonable compromise situation. So I propose that we  
21 consider a parking area at that point that will allow  
22 access to the trails that go down there. That's the  
23 Indian Potrero Trail and the Dunn Road Trail. Both of  
24 those trails are outside of the Seasonal Closure Area.  
25 They will be open year-round.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You have kind of mixed a  
2 motion with a discussion. Can we back up and can we  
3 just -- just a motion, please?

4                   MR. MORGAN: Yes. The motion is that we  
5 consider opening up the area by the Forest Service  
6 gate at the northern end of Section 29.

7                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do I have a second to that  
8 motion?

9                   MS. HENDERSON: Second.

10                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have a second by Terry.  
11 Any discussion on the motion? Barbara?

12                  MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I am just wondering if  
13 we can make recommendations on land that may or may  
14 not be within our sphere of making these decisions.  
15 If it's privately owned by an organization, how are we  
16 making comments to open it up when we don't even know  
17 what they want to do with it? I mean, we may make  
18 whatever comments we want and keep opening it up or  
19 putting a road here, putting it there. They may  
20 totally want it closed. And they own it. They can  
21 close it.

22                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: All we are doing is making  
23 comments --

24                  MS. HENDERSON: Recommendations.

25                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: -- on Alternative B,

1 Motorized Commercial Recreation Activity. That's all  
2 we are doing is recommending that. Whatever people do  
3 or anything like that, whether BLM incorporates our  
4 recommendation or anything, that's up to BLM and up to  
5 the people on the property.

6 MR. KENNA: One other point, if I may,  
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 The other thing that's important here  
9 particularly regarding Barbara's point is that, as I  
10 indicated, that will go through an additional group.  
11 There's an EIR/EIS associated with the Multiple  
12 Species Plan that will come out in the fall, and the  
13 intent is that the trail planning process work across  
14 jurisdictions, including the nonfederal jurisdictions.  
15 All we have done in our part of this process is the  
16 coordination role for the entire group.

17 And so that's why -- and not just in this  
18 instance, but there are cases where perimeter trails,  
19 for example, may be proposed on land that there isn't  
20 even any BLM land, for example. The trails planning  
21 process is a little different animal than some of the  
22 parts of the Plan Amendment.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Al?

24 MR. KENNA: I hope that helps.

25 MR. MUTH: I am still confused. I don't

1 know where Jerry lives, but --

2 MR. CRITES: Across the street from the pig.

3 MR. MUTH: Is that where the pig lives?

4 MR. CRITES: Across the street from the pig.

5 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling.

6 There will be a great fear if you put parking

7 in there for public access from the community members.

8 It won't go over easily.

9 MR. KENNA: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments on the

11 motion?

12 All in favor of the motion, say, "Aye."

13 (Vote.)

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any opposed, "Nay"?

15 (Vote.)

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, let's do hands,

17 then.

18 Opposed? One, two, three, four, five

19 opposed. All those for the motion? One, two, three,

20 four, five, six.

21 The motion passes.

22 MR. CRITES: Count the noes again. There

23 were six opposed.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: There were six opposed?

25 All right. Let's try it one more time.

1 All right. Let's go for the ayes; all right?  
2 Everyone in favor of the motion, please hold your hand  
3 up and keep it there. One, two, three, four, five,  
4 six.

5 Everybody agree with that vote? Six for.

6 All those opposed, please raise your hand.  
7 One, two, three, four, five.

8 MR. CRITES: Six. One, two, three, four --  
9 six.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And I being the tie  
11 breaker vote in favor of the motion. The motion  
12 passes.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, before we move  
14 on to the next item here, might I ask -- in a broader  
15 picture here, how this motorized section is affecting  
16 the tours that are currently -- well, maybe they  
17 aren't currently operating. Is there any window here  
18 for that kind of a private enterprise to continue,  
19 maybe not where it is currently, but some other  
20 location? Have we accommodated that?

21 MR. KENNA: Well, first answer is no. Tours  
22 are not currently operating.

23 Second part of that is there is opportunity  
24 to consider that type of use in parts of the Monument.  
25 However, currently, there are private land constraints

1 that make that relatively impractical.

2 MS. HENDERSON: You mean for a connector  
3 trail or just there are parts here, here, and here,  
4 but they may not connect?

5 MR. KENNA: No. I mean that the motorized  
6 tours, there are private landowners that will not let  
7 such a tour across.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Wait a minute. That's it?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Well, I still want to --  
10 well, I heard him say that there is an opportunity for  
11 that except -- so then there isn't an opportunity?

12 MR. KENNA: Well, I mean, the plan that we  
13 are doing is for a long time. And whether there ever  
14 will be an opportunity is another question, and it  
15 does look to a -- it is a narrow opportunity because  
16 it basically is a situation where there would be  
17 constraints on the opportunity. So it would be more  
18 limited than it has been at any time in the past. But  
19 it is not totally excluded under this Plan Amendment.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

21 MR. CRITES: I think what Jim perhaps is  
22 overly polite in describing is a private individual, a  
23 guy named Jim Blixseth, whose interest in sheep does  
24 not extend to not having a golf course in his yard,  
25 who bought both land at the bottom and near the top of

1 the Dunn Road and then has refused to allow BLM access  
2 across that land that he now owns and refuses to allow  
3 anyone to have access for, as an example, Desert  
4 Adventures or any of those groups.

5 My personal bias is they probably brought  
6 more people to the Monument in terms of people who'd  
7 never see it any other way and gave them information  
8 and a love for the desert than anything we've done.

9 But be that as it may, one individual has, in  
10 essence, ended the entire public opportunity in that  
11 area.

12 MS. HENDERSON: I appreciate that  
13 information, but that sounds like a link in a chain.  
14 Is there some portion of the chain that can exist  
15 without that link?

16 MR. KENNA: In a practical sense at this  
17 point anyway, probably not.

18 MS. HENDERSON: Well, he didn't buy the  
19 whole mountain.

20 MR. CRITES: He bought both ends of the  
21 chain.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry, you can walk around  
23 his property, but you can't drive around his property.  
24 Some very rough, rugged hills right there.

25 MS. HENDERSON: Right.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The second portion, then,  
2                   returning to Motorized Commercial Recreation  
3                   Activities, page ES-27, we would suggest that language  
4                   be added that would prohibit through travel on the  
5                   remainder of Dunn Road, the remainder then being from,  
6                   according to the motion that we passed, the Forest  
7                   Service gate to the bottom.

8                   MR. KENNA: Okay.

9                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No comment required. We  
10                  just would suggest that that might be considered.

11                  MR. KENNA: I think I understand the  
12                  comment.

13                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. So then we get to  
14                  Competitive Recreation Events. Any comments there?

15                  Going on to Motorized Vehicle Use of Trails.  
16                  Comments there?

17                  And ending with Public Outreach. Any  
18                  comments there?

19                  Unless any Committee member has further  
20                  comments, that would then complete the Committee's  
21                  recommendation to BLM on their Draft Trails Plan.

22                  MR. BOGERT: Can I ask one question?

23                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, sir. Frank?

24                  MR. BOGERT: It seems like we have been  
25                  universally talking about Plan B. Has there ever ever

1       been any official approval of Plan B?

2                   MR. KENNA:  No.  At this point, what is out  
3       there is BLM had to do an environmental impact  
4       statement and that had to include both the range of  
5       alternatives and a preferred alternative.  What, in  
6       effect, has happened is we have taken the status of  
7       the preferred alternative at the time we issued the  
8       document, we have done an EIS analysis on that, and  
9       that's out there.

10                   But as I indicated, there is still the draft  
11       EIR/EIS related to Coachella Valley Multispecies Plan  
12       that then will bring the local jurisdiction's part of  
13       the process together with what is going on on the  
14       federal side.  And the decision point for that is  
15       probably, I would say, early next year.  It's a guess.

16                   MR. BOGERT:  Thank you.

17                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  And, Frank, in response  
18       to -- as far as the ad hoc committee is concerned --  
19       and I erred in not saying this, the earlier discussion  
20       of the ad hoc committee agreed that B was generally  
21       the accepted alternative as far as the committees were  
22       concerned.  So that's the one we addressed, was  
23       Alternative B.

24                   Thank you very much, Jim.

25                   I hope that that's what you wanted from us.

1 MR. BROCKMAN: Mr. Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, sir.

3 MR. BROCKMAN: Do you need a motion on the  
4 ad hoc committee's recommendations on all the other  
5 items?

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: If it's the pleasure of  
7 the Committee. My feeling was that we were providing  
8 input to the BLM and by stepping through each one of  
9 the sections, we were giving that representation of  
10 the Committee's beliefs and that would end it.

11 But if you wish to make a motion, certainly  
12 the Chair is open to that.

13 MR. BROCKMAN: I would move that with the  
14 exception of the one that we have already voted on --

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think the correct  
16 motion, then, would be the ad hoc committee's  
17 recommendation as amended?

18 MR. BROCKMAN: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do we have a second for  
20 that?

21 MR. BOGERT: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I have a second from  
23 Frank. Comment? Discussion?

24 All those in favor, signify by saying, "Aye."

25 Any opposed? The motion passes.

1 Thank you, Bob.

2 Okay. Let's see. We are now rushing ahead  
3 to, "Recommendations by the Committee Regarding  
4 National Monument Plan Issues/Concerns/Opportunities  
5 for Development of Draft Plan Alternatives."

6 It says the Chair of the Committee has this  
7 little job. I don't know.

8 What's expected of me, Connell?

9 MS. DUNNING: This time was allotted at the  
10 end of this meeting to provide for recommendations  
11 similar to what Gary provided earlier; your ability to  
12 just say individually some recommendations that you  
13 have. And it's also my time to provide for you a  
14 little bit of framework which we have already  
15 discussed a little bit about how we are going to get  
16 your input in the future.

17 So we could start with if you have any  
18 individual recommendations just from what you've heard  
19 so far, potential solutions, creative methods of  
20 addressing some of the problems, some of the  
21 inconsistencies that have come forward.

22 I could also provide -- in this time frame,  
23 I'd also like to provide and have a little bit more  
24 discussion about where each different issue area can  
25 be pulled into the working groups that we already have

1 established. Some of them don't quite fit. But I  
2 think they can fit.

3 So I want to make sure that we have kind of  
4 an understanding among all of us which areas we could  
5 address that have been brought forth by the public in  
6 those working group areas.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let's begin, then, with  
8 the first portion of Connell's statement, and that is  
9 does any individual Committee member have a suggestion  
10 as to either process or area of concern that has not  
11 been touched on or maybe they want to expand upon it?

12 Start over here.

13 MR. LYMAN: Bob Lyman. I think that one of  
14 the comments that we made earlier today is we wanted  
15 some starting point. As we went through this document  
16 on the trails, that was the starting point and  
17 everybody was able to return comments, look at it, be  
18 able to begin packaging things.

19 And I think that's kind of the direction we  
20 need to -- we are kind of at that ethereal stage here.  
21 And I think everybody had that document and was able  
22 to move forward with it. And I think that's something  
23 if we are going to continue and get this plan in  
24 place, we've got to have something to look at.

25 MS. DUNNING: Would you feel comfortable

1 brainstorming in the working groups and then having  
2 the output of that brainstorming coming back and then  
3 having that to discuss at this level?

4 MR. LYMAN: I have no problem with that.  
5 Just so we have some sort of tangible starting point.

6 MS. DUNNING: Right. I just wanted to  
7 capture your brainstorming.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff? Any comments?  
9 Nothing?

10 Bob?

11 MR. BROCKMAN: Only to say that the planning  
12 work group did review the matrix that was prepared for  
13 our meeting about three weeks ago. And our comments  
14 follow very closely along with Gary's earlier today in  
15 terms of trying to consolidate fees, in terms of some  
16 uniformity in signs, and a number of other management  
17 practices.

18 So I will leave it at that. But we did have  
19 very much the same feelings as Gary expressed earlier.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary?

21 MR. FREET: Nothing.

22 (Mr. Bogert exited the meeting.)

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bye, Frank.

24 Barbara?

25 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No. Just that our

1 committee is going to try and work out the same matrix  
2 and come back with that information.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

4 MR. CRITES: No.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

6 MS. HENDERSON: Well, I did have a concern  
7 that we are even going to this particular discussion  
8 right now given that I thought I heard Barbara  
9 prepared to give us some report from her work group  
10 regarding the cultural aspects which started on  
11 page 36 and she was pulled away. And I thought she  
12 was going to wait until after we did trails, which  
13 we've done. And then I thought we would hear from  
14 Barbara and what her group has potentially -- the  
15 point that it's reached.

16 I would agree that it would be nice to have  
17 that in writing, and I think we will by September 15  
18 for our next meeting, but I wanted to hear what  
19 Barbara had to say about the cultural aspect of this  
20 Plan. It sounded like she had comment.

21 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: On this Plan?

22 MS. HENDERSON: It sounded like she had  
23 something to tell us.

24 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: If you don't mind?

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No. To be truthful, I had

1 forgotten.

2 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I thought we would have  
3 another study session on that portion of it.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That referenced something  
5 in the Trails Plan, was it, or --

6 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No. It was the Trails  
7 Plan. And then --

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: What page was that?

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: It's ES-36, I believe.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Thirty-six or thirty-seven?

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Thirty-six. And they  
12 only have two alternatives. One alternative is called  
13 "Motorized Vehicles" in the cultural/native aspects  
14 and in the Trail Plan.

15 And one, it says, "Allow the motor vehicles  
16 to go and let erosion happen as it happens."

17 The next alternative is, "Close the roads and  
18 don't allow erosion to happen." I think there should  
19 be an alternative to those two. You know, you just  
20 can't close or keep it open. There's other  
21 alternatives, like rerouting of trails in the cultural  
22 areas, you know, maybe covering up cultural  
23 significant areas so that when the trails go through,  
24 it's not going to erode it.

25 I think there could be other alternatives

1 other than one extreme to the other.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My understanding is that  
3 ES-36 is on the CDCA Plan and these have to do with  
4 roads, not trails.

5 Is that correct, Danella?

6 MS. GEORGE: Correct. But we'd asked for  
7 the Committee to provide recommendations on the CDCA  
8 Plan and the Trails Plan.

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Right.

10 MS. GEORGE: From our last meeting of June,  
11 was to provide both to the CDCA Plan Amendment and the  
12 Trails Plan.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We didn't do that because  
14 our understanding was we were to be speaking only to  
15 the Trails Plan.

16 MS. GEORGE: If you go back to the minutes  
17 of the last meeting, it's in there.

18 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: And so they don't have  
19 any aspect within the trails at all about the culture.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jim, does this have to do  
21 with trails in the Monument?

22 MR. KENNA: Well, I think it probably is  
23 some of both. And maybe if we just, I think, grab  
24 what I think the essence of the comment is -- and I  
25 think her comment is well taken -- that there are

1 going to be situations where we really only have kind  
2 of one or the other.

3 And most of that will have to do with the  
4 roads in the CDCA Plan Amendment itself, where we are  
5 pretty much either going to close them and  
6 rehabilitate them or we are going to keep them as part  
7 of some sort of an ethical point. One or the other.

8 And most of that, if you look at it relative  
9 to the Monument, there are some routes in the vicinity  
10 of Snow Creek, and the area that we have been talking  
11 about at the upper end of Dunn road, there are some.  
12 Those are the two areas in the Monument. Most of the  
13 rest of it is either -- like into the Martinez Canyon  
14 or very, very rugged and roadless, basically.

15 So I think the universal things that we might  
16 do on roads is not that big. And so there, it might  
17 be pretty much an either/or. And we are generally  
18 going to try and err on, you know, having a decent  
19 road network but protecting the resources in that  
20 case.

21 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: But aren't there  
22 alternatives for, like, either removal of those areas  
23 or covering them up?

24 MR. KENNA: And in some of the route  
25 designations and pro- -- proposed to Coachella Valley

1 Plan Amendment, there are some where we are just not  
2 going to have a road there anymore. And the area that  
3 comes to mind where I think most of that is is right  
4 around the -- between Snow Creek and Windy Point. But  
5 in respect of the trails, then, besides the motor --  
6 the trails, there's no aspect in here about culture  
7 dealing with the trails.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No.

9 MR. KENNA: And if I understand your  
10 comment, what you want to make sure is that the  
11 rerouting option is there for trails based on a  
12 cultural concern just as it would be for a biological  
13 concern. Which I think that's a good comment.

14 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Did we blow it? Were we  
16 supposed to give you also information -- or comments  
17 on the CDCA portion of it, not just the trails?

18 MR. KENNA: Well, I think comments on the  
19 CDCA portion of it would also be helpful at this point  
20 in time that -- where we are in the process, I think  
21 it's really, you know -- the overlap of the Monument  
22 Area and the CDCA Plan Amendment, the biggest chunk of  
23 that is related to trails and Bighorn sheep recovery  
24 issues and actions.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That was my understanding.

1 MR. KENNA: So I don't think --

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I apologize.

3 MR. KENNA: "Blow it" might be an extreme  
4 description.

5 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Another comment --

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, ma'am?

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: -- dealing with the --  
8 what is it? -- the Coachella Valley Multispecies  
9 Habitat Conservation Plan. Your plan proposes that a  
10 lot of this is, I guess, coexisting or connected to  
11 each other, that you are looking for the Multispecies  
12 Plan to be approved and done before certain issues are  
13 dealt with within your plan. What happens if that  
14 doesn't go forward?

15 MR. KENNA: Well, no. Actually, it's the  
16 reverse. We have a deadline to finish the Plan  
17 Amendment for the CDCA Plan Amendment. It has to be  
18 done by the end of this calendar year. That will  
19 almost certainly be ahead of the Multiple Species  
20 Plan.

21 And so the Federal contributions to the  
22 Multiple Species Plan will be pretty well described by  
23 the time that the decision comes out on the nonvehicle  
24 side.

25 The exception to that will be the trails

1 component, because for us under the BLM planning  
2 system, that doesn't have to occur at a Resource  
3 Management Plan, which would be kind of the equivalent  
4 of a General Plan level. For us, that's an activity  
5 plan level decision. And so we will be able to delay  
6 the final record of decision to close that loop  
7 together with the local jurisdictions.

8 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: But if it isn't  
9 approved, then it wouldn't matter because your Trail  
10 Plan would still be implemented?

11 MR. KENNA: Well, there's a lot of this  
12 Trails Plan that the -- the only way a Trails Plan is  
13 going to work in the mountains is if there's a  
14 multijurisdictional approach. And so, I mean, it's  
15 conceivable that BLM could do a Trails Plan on some  
16 trails, but we wouldn't really be managing the system  
17 of trails and a system of opportunities and looking  
18 systematically at the biological and cultural  
19 resources and how they are affected just by virtue of  
20 the land pattern that we have in the mountains.

21 And so I for a long time certainly have been  
22 an advocate that it's important for all of us to  
23 figure it out together.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, does the  
25 Multispecies Habitat Plan have a logo?

1 MR. CRITES: Yes. A dollar bill.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: A big dollar bill.

3 I did read the entire plan and personally had  
4 no problems or questions with all of the CDCA plan.  
5 Of course, I had heard most of it presented by you  
6 guys at one forum or another, so I was pretty aware of  
7 it, familiar with it.

8 Does anyone else have any comments, then, on  
9 the other part, the CDCA Plan and -- it talks about  
10 all sorts of interesting things and, in fact, covers  
11 one of the comments we had earlier about finding a  
12 place for off-road vehicles to do their thing.

13 So if anyone else had any comments on the  
14 CDCA plan, please -- yes, sir?

15 MR. CRITES: Did BLM bring along their  
16 proposed road changes? A suggestion had been made for  
17 you guys to bring along some maps that you --

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: There are maps in here.

19 MR. CRITES: They are absolutely useless.  
20 You can't tell on that scale.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, you didn't say they  
22 had to be useful.

23 MR. CRITES: I apologize. Did BLM per  
24 chance as requested bring along the larger scale maps  
25 where people could see the road impacts that are

1 proposed?

2 MR. KENNA: Hold on. I'll check.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You had one that you  
4 showed CVAG, at CVAG.

5 MR. KENNA: You are correct. And it appears  
6 that we left them back at the office. My apologies.  
7 But if there is anyone who wants to see those maps,  
8 we'd be happy to make them available and set up a  
9 personal session and walk you through them.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Does that include the maps  
11 identifying the trails clearly named? Because there  
12 was confusion over some of those too. In fact, some  
13 of them I don't think were named.

14 MR. KENNA: I think we are talking about two  
15 different sets of maps at this point. The maps that  
16 Buford is referring to are the route designation maps  
17 that show where the road closures would be, and the  
18 map you are referring to is a different map. I think  
19 we do have a version -- I know we have had this  
20 discussion before -- that has color coding and names  
21 with it based on your comments that we can get to, we  
22 will check on that.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you very much.

24 MS. GEORGE: To follow up -- well, Danella  
25 George.

1           To follow up with what Jim said, after -- I  
2 think you have asked for it at two different meetings  
3 and, yes, we have had maps made and they do have the  
4 trails' names on them and they show the seasonal  
5 closures and we actually have them to bring on Monday  
6 for our meeting with Barbara and we will get one to  
7 you.

8           MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Then continuing past Terry  
10 to Gary. Any comments?

11          MR. WATTS: No.

12          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Al?

13          MR. MUTH: Al Muth. I would just like to  
14 comment. I concur with Bob's comments about needing  
15 something in hand to look at. For instance, with the  
16 public scoping comments, yes, I read them. Do I have  
17 time to sit down and classify each of those comments,  
18 put them into categories, and propose alternatives  
19 based on those kinds of comments? No.

20           And I think -- I've got a real job, believe  
21 it or not, and that ain't it. So we do need something  
22 in hand.

23          MS. DUNNING: Okay. So this would be the  
24 point, then, to talk about -- since you do have real  
25 jobs, and I recognize that -- just to further clarify

1 what will be discussed at the upcoming working group  
2 meetings and, also, to ask you if you feel comfortable  
3 with advertising those for the public to try to pull  
4 the public in. Obviously, we are doing that anyway,  
5 but perhaps a little bit more, too, to advertise these  
6 as a time to sit down and actually talk about methods  
7 and solutions and suggestions for alternatives.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The suggestion was made to  
9 me that each one of the work groups try to schedule a  
10 meeting over the next few months so that they could  
11 perhaps even be advertised in the Federal Register --  
12 I always get that one mixed up -- the Federal Register  
13 so that we would even get some more people out.

14 So I would urge Committee heads, if you can,  
15 to schedule your meetings from now through December  
16 and get those to Danella. And she seems to have found  
17 a way to get things published quickly. We will see if  
18 that continues.

19 Danella?

20 MS. GEORGE: Actually, Mr. Chair -- thank  
21 you very much -- why don't we go ahead and schedule  
22 out till October of 2003, if we could. I mean, if  
23 folks are --

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I --

25 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I'd hesitate to do that,  
2 because, once again, these people have jobs.

3                   MS. GEORGE: Okay.

4                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Once it got in the  
5 Register --

6                   MS. GEORGE: I was just thinking. This is  
7 August. I am just thinking out loud. September,  
8 October, November, December. We have a meeting in  
9 October. We have a meeting in December. We have a  
10 deadline in February -- right, Connell? -- for a  
11 draft? So maybe till January. Just go ahead and get  
12 it to January?

13                   And then, also, I wanted to suggest, too, if  
14 the --

15                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let me just jump in here  
16 now. All right. We do it till January and we can't  
17 hold that meeting in January. What kind of trouble  
18 are we in?

19                   MS. GEORGE: Connell? Help. What do you  
20 think?

21                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We publish this thing in  
22 the record; right? We are going to hold a meeting in  
23 January?

24                   MS. DUNNING: Right.

25                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: What happens if we can't

1 hold that meeting in January? Are we in trouble? We  
2 are talking about the work groups now.

3 MS. DUNNING: We are talking about the work  
4 group. And it would be good if we could think about  
5 locations that someone like myself could still be  
6 there. Perhaps the whole working group couldn't be  
7 there, but if the public can come and I can be there,  
8 I can still update the public on what's going on and  
9 provide the same framework for brainstorming and  
10 getting an update on status and where we are.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My personal feeling is the  
12 idea of putting together the work groups was  
13 simplicity and we are getting ourselves into a hole  
14 here. And I think maybe we better just forget the  
15 Federal Register. It's just too demanding.

16 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

17 MS. GEORGE: All right.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I still would like the  
19 work groups to go ahead and give us, say, three months  
20 of schedule and then we will have something to work  
21 from. The newspaper and things like that. Bob?

22 MS. GEORGE: Mr. Chair, if we could -- yes  
23 -- the newspaper, if we could get it in the newspaper,  
24 we will get it on the Web, we've got the Web page.  
25 And then, also, what we were thinking about is folks

1 like Barbara and Bob Brockman, the different committee  
2 chairs, if they could maybe set up the -- Lukas Velush  
3 -- and get some press out there and The Desert Sun of  
4 what you guys are doing and talk about it, get it out  
5 there to the public, and some news stories, but I  
6 wanted to offer the Federal Register just to be  
7 receptive to be able to go to the meetings.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I understand. That ruins  
9 simplicity. Bob?

10 MR. BROCKMAN: I have a problem with that.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Which one?

12 MR. BROCKMAN: Well, I agree with you on the  
13 Federal Register, but I envision the work group to be  
14 a place where you could actually get some work done.  
15 What I am hearing now is that we are taking this work  
16 group and making it another forum for public input. I  
17 think we are past that.

18 Now, we did offer at the last meeting to use  
19 the planning work group as a forum if you wanted to do  
20 that for another round of public comments, and that  
21 offer is still good.

22 But absent that, which would be in some  
23 noticed meetings, if we have to continue to publish  
24 work group meetings in order to gain public input,  
25 there will be no end to public input. And I am all

1 for that, but at some point in the planning process  
2 you've got to say, "We've done that. Just let's get  
3 on with the work so that we can bring it back to the  
4 Committee so that we can move on with this plan."

5 We all have other jobs to do, and I'm sure we  
6 all have something we could be doing on Saturdays, but  
7 we are here because we want to get a job done.

8 And so I want to help Danella and staff be  
9 able to get to that point, but I am not so sure that  
10 using the work groups as additional public hearings is  
11 the way to do it.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary, you had a comment?

13 MR. FREET: I think I forgot it. Let me  
14 think about it a minute.

15 MS. DUNNING: Could I respond to Bob while  
16 you are thinking?

17 What we are proposing in doing -- not by  
18 having the Federal Register noticed, because we have  
19 decided that that's too much, but -- even by having  
20 information on the Internet and inviting the public to  
21 come, we are on a timeline, and our timeline dictates  
22 that until October 1st, we are accepting public  
23 comments. So until that time, I hope that at our  
24 working group meetings we are allowing for that sense  
25 and that feeling and that including of the public to

1 get comments. I understand that that is the --

2 MR. BROCKMAN: We have had public at our  
3 meetings and we keep notifying as many people as are  
4 interested and we'll continue to do that.

5 MS. DUNNING: And I hope that we will  
6 continue to provide the public to come to the working  
7 groups as well. And we are on a timeline, and when  
8 the public comes to these meetings, there's an agenda  
9 and that's what I wanted to talk with you about, too,  
10 not to make your agenda for you, but to provide for  
11 these issue areas and kind of say, "Okay. At this  
12 working group, we hope that you can address dogs,  
13 permits, fees, and roads. Please come back to us with  
14 whatever you can do. If you can address that."  
15 Because each working group has different things that  
16 they focus on, and if the public comes, that's what  
17 you're doing. And there's some comment forms sitting  
18 on the table if they want to provide comment. But if  
19 they want to get into what the working group is doing,  
20 that's your show. And any element of it seeming like  
21 the public is there just to hear -- let someone hear  
22 what they're saying, then I would hope that you have  
23 public comment forms, and I can give them to you and  
24 say, "Well, this is really -- we have moved to this  
25 level now. This is where we are. We have received

1 the comments, and now we are at this level."

2 I hope the public can continue to be involved  
3 in the working groups. I don't know --

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The work groups were set  
5 up as an open forum for the Committee members and  
6 anybody who's interested, and I would hope that they  
7 would continue to operate that way. They don't  
8 generally have agendas as such. And they certainly  
9 shouldn't have speaker forms, because there is no  
10 forum to that. Everybody speaks when they want to  
11 speak, at such time as they want to speak at a work  
12 group. And everybody who attends is a member of the  
13 work group.

14 And I want to keep it in that loose fashion  
15 so that we don't run afoul of the federal laws.

16 MS. DUNNING: Right. By "comment form," I  
17 meant basically a Web page, how to contact us, go do  
18 it. Not through you.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's fine.

20 MS. DUNNING: Not through you.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary?

22 MR. FREET: Okay. I remembered it. I don't  
23 have any problem with creating an outline for the  
24 tasks that we anticipate the work groups could come  
25 forward with. And as long as we don't set agendas.

1 MS. DUNNING: No. No agenda.

2 MR. FREET: And it's a suggestion. Why  
3 don't we publish the scheduled meeting dates for each  
4 of the work groups and distribute them at our next  
5 meeting at an outside table?

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That we could do if we do  
7 it in the next three months. And the important thing  
8 is we get it on the Web site and distribute it to the  
9 newspaper. Whether they use it or not, that's  
10 something else again.

11 As to the interaction with The Desert Sun or  
12 anybody else, if a work group person or Friend or, for  
13 that matter, any Committee member wants to do that,  
14 that's fine. We are an open group and we -- as long  
15 as no one in any way says, "I'm speaking for the  
16 Committee," they can do any doggone thing they want.  
17 It's very open and very free.

18 Barbara? Do you have a comment?

19 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Oh, yes. I do. Well,  
20 I just want to let you know we do already have our  
21 meeting scheduled for the next two months. And so the  
22 Cahuilla working group will be meeting, of course, at  
23 the Tribal Planning Department in their boardroom, and  
24 that will be on -- hold on.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do you have an address for

1       them?

2                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  650 --

3                   UNIDENTIFIED:  650 East Tahquitz.

4                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  And the days?

5                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  Hold on.

6       September 25th.  But this will be an evening meeting.

7       I was requested two meetings back that if we have a

8       few evening meetings, maybe more people would attend.

9       People work.

10                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Starting?

11                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  6 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

12                   MS. CADY:  September 25th.

13                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  The first one is

14       August.  I'm sorry.

15                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  August 28th?

16                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  Right.

17                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  And that's the evening

18       meeting?

19                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  Right.  And then

20       September 25th, 6:00 to 8:00.  So the two summer

21       meetings are in the evening.  And then October may go

22       back to daytime.  We are not positive.  Haven't talked

23       to the Committee yet.

24                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Do you have a date yet?

25                   MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  It's going to be the

1 fourth Thursday in October. That would be  
2 October 24th. I'm not sure if it's day or evening.  
3 We haven't decided that yet. And then November,  
4 December will be probably the third Wednesdays of the  
5 month, which will be November 20th, because the fourth  
6 one is the day before Thanksgiving, and us mothers  
7 have to have a day to get Thanksgiving together.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Motherhood is not an  
9 excuse.

10 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Well, then you come  
11 cook my Thanksgiving dinner.

12 And December 18th. Because December 25th is  
13 Christmas Day, so it would be the third Wednesday  
14 also.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Good.

16 MS. GEORGE: The time for August 28 also,  
17 Barbara?

18 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: It would be 6:00 to  
19 8:00.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes. Thank you, Barbara.  
21 And while we are on this subject, any other committee  
22 head -- excuse me -- work group head have a schedule,  
23 if you'd get those to Danella, appreciate it.

24 Thank you.

25 I would hope that each of the work groups

1 would take the Monument Matrix Summary and go through  
2 it and react to those areas that are applicable. As  
3 Connell says, some off-the-wall ones like dogs can be  
4 applicable to all of them. So take a look at it in  
5 the broadest sense. And come back September 15th --  
6 we said a week before the meeting. What's our October  
7 meeting?

8 MS. GEORGE: October the 6th, I believe, or  
9 October 5th. First Saturday.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: If you could come back  
11 before the end of September with a report of your  
12 committee activities, that would be helpful. And we  
13 will distribute that, then, to all of the -- each one  
14 of you will distribute it to all of the Committee  
15 members, and then we will have one up there.

16 So I hope that answers some of your concerns,  
17 Connell.

18 What's next?

19 MS. DUNNING: I had another question. Do  
20 you have a preferred date as a Committee for when you  
21 would like to see the compilation of the cities'  
22 amendments to the matrix or additions, I should say,  
23 for each of the different cities? As it was suggested  
24 earlier, there was an interest in applying those same  
25 questions to city planners, and so --

1                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think realistically that  
2                   September 15th date would be about the earliest, and  
3                   then that would give a couple weeks if the committees  
4                   wanted to look to that and meet on it.

5                   MS. DUNNING: So you would like to get it by  
6                   September 15th?

7                   CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I don't see you getting it  
8                   any earlier than that.

9                   MS. DUNNING: Well, I would need the  
10                  information a week prior to that in order to stick it  
11                  into the format so I can send to each of the city  
12                  representatives early next week the Matrix and kind of  
13                  some ideas of directions, what we need. If you --  
14                  each of you -- feel comfortable finding who it needs  
15                  to go to. If not, I need to know that.

16                  MS. HENDERSON: Why would you have to send  
17                  us anything?

18                  MS. DUNNING: They would like to have the  
19                  template so they can just stick in their answers.  
20                  It's an Excel format.

21                  MS. HENDERSON: Got you. Okay. Great.

22                  MS. GEORGE: Along with that -- we talked  
23                  about this at lunch -- we'd really like to have an  
24                  action plan for getting it to the city folks and the  
25                  county folks at this meeting with Tom.

1                   Can we just kind of go around the table to  
2                   concur and confirm who from each city will take the  
3                   responsibility to get it to their city planner to get  
4                   it back to Connell for that timeline? Because I know  
5                   we don't have a Palm Springs representative, so that's  
6                   going to take follow-up -- Doug Evans would be the  
7                   person -- but if we could just go around and do that  
8                   as a process to make sure we have somebody assigned,  
9                   when Connell is going to get it to them, and when that  
10                  person, Connell, needs it back so she can make sure  
11                  she has it back to you all by September 15th.

12                  Does that make sense?

13                  MS. HENDERSON: I will take care of  
14                  La Quinta.

15                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think we have everybody  
16                  except Palm Springs; right?

17                  MS. GEORGE: Starting at Indian Wells.

18                  CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have Indian Wells. We  
19                  have the County. We have Rancho Mirage. We have  
20                  Cathedral City. We don't have Palm Springs. We have  
21                  Palm Desert. We have La Quinta. And everybody agrees  
22                  to do that. The Committee agrees to it? And, Bob,  
23                  can you do the County?

24                  Yes. He said he would do the County. So the  
25                  only one we have is Palm Springs, and you will take

1 care of that.

2 MS. GEORGE: Well, I assume Doug Evans.

3 Yes. We will. Anything else?

4 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. The idea of the public  
5 workshop. We would like to have a general workshop --  
6 several -- coming up, and there's an idea to try to  
7 have a regular meeting similar to the -- I believe  
8 it's the Project Action Group or Project Advisory  
9 Group that the CVAG -- the HCP has. Kind of just an  
10 open forum for people to come. And it might be  
11 something that could last long-term with the Monument,  
12 but we'd like to have something outside of this  
13 setting to also allow for the public to come in during  
14 this time of alternative development, and so that's  
15 what we were talking about, maybe tiering that to the  
16 the planning subgroup. And I will be talking with Bob  
17 Brockman to see if that will work.

18 But I plan on getting some dates in the next  
19 few months, a few of those. And so I will inform you  
20 via e-mail about what those dates are and their  
21 locations. And that information will also go on the  
22 Internet.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob shook his head yes?

24 MR. BROCKMAN: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Anything else?

1 MS. DUNNING: No. I think that's it in  
2 terms of the method.

3 I was also requested to provide a timeline.  
4 And I think with every meeting that we meet, I can do  
5 that with, "We are supposed to be here. We are here,"  
6 kind of a thing to allow you to see where we are in  
7 the timeline and where that input will go that we are  
8 getting from the work groups and from the Advisory  
9 Committee. So I can provide that to you definitely by  
10 the next meeting.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anything else?

12 MS. DUNNING: No. Do you have any questions  
13 for me?

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any questions for Connell?  
15 Summarize next meeting. The next meeting,  
16 then, will only have one agenda item, and that will be  
17 the Caltrans discussions of Highway 74 management; is  
18 that correct, Danella?

19 MS. GEORGE: Unless the Committee wants  
20 anything else, yes.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And the rest of the  
22 meeting, then, will be under the auspices of some yet  
23 unnamed person who will give us guidance.

24 I would task, actually, each of you --  
25 including you, Terry, as you sneak out -- task each

1 one of you with going through the various pieces of  
2 material that we have received, most especially the  
3 matrix that was made up on the public input from the  
4 sessions to be better, I think, aware of those areas  
5 that we should be looking to.

6 I remind each of you -- I probably don't need  
7 to, but -- I remind you that you are representatives  
8 of the community, and that type of input comes from  
9 the community. And so, therefore, we must be its  
10 mouthpiece, if you will.

11 So please look to those and be prepared at  
12 our next meeting so we don't -- is this a gentleman  
13 that's going to be doing this? Or a lady?

14 MS. GEORGE: Mr. Chair, it will either be a  
15 gentleman or it will be a lady. We are working that  
16 out.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Have you ever thought of  
18 being an attorney? I tell you.

19 At any rate -- so we can assist the person  
20 who will be coming to us.

21 Is there any other comment from any Committee  
22 member prior to adjournment?

23 Jeff?

24 MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan. Prior to the next  
25 meeting, are you going to have anything ready for us

1 to preview other than what we have received already,  
2 seeing as there's no agenda other than Caltrans'  
3 presentation? Obviously, in the next two months, you  
4 are going to have a lot more information brought into  
5 the process. Are we going to get that information  
6 prior to the meeting?

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, as I mentioned,  
8 there's two or three things going to be forthcoming.  
9 We will be updating the Matrix with the city input.  
10 That will be available sometime around September 15th.  
11 Each of the work group heads will submit to us one  
12 week prior to the October 5th meeting an Executive  
13 Summary, if you will, of those things that they are  
14 recommending or commenting on or whatever the case to  
15 be.

16 Add those to the other materials that I have  
17 spoke of that we have already received, and I think  
18 that will pretty much make up that which would be  
19 discussed.

20 Connell?

21 MS. DUNNING: Yes. If we were to get a  
22 facilitator or have a facilitated meeting, it's my  
23 experience, as it's probably yours, that sometimes  
24 they have stuff, like maybe a little questionnaire or  
25 something to get people ready. They might have

1 something. And I don't know.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's fine.

3 MS. DUNNING: And if they do, that might  
4 come to you.

5 But I was also thinking, since Frank is not  
6 here, and since recreation is a big part of the  
7 working group, I'd like to come to some of those  
8 meetings. And since he is not here, can we have  
9 somebody here to designate themselves to kind of fill  
10 him in on what we hope to do with the working  
11 groups --

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: There are a couple of  
13 members of his committee here, so they will be --

14 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Or his work group. Excuse  
16 me. I keep using the wrong words.

17 Let me make sure we have everything else.

18 Bob?

19 MR. BROCKMAN: Question. Are there any more  
20 informational tours planned?

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You shouldn't have asked  
22 that. She's been itching here to talk about that and  
23 I've been holding her back.

24 MR. BROCKMAN: I just had a feeling.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: It radiates. I know what

1 you mean. And I have been holding her back until we  
2 get all of this stuff done and then we will go to  
3 that.

4 Anything else now?

5 MS. GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. But,  
6 actually, I wanted to respond back to Jeff first  
7 before we go to informational tours.

8 The question was will there be more material?  
9 Just to summarize that from the federal agencies.

10 We will get you that timeline that Connell  
11 just mentioned. We are going to get pulled together a  
12 timeline over the next year. You initially got a  
13 timeline of what we are going to do to meet that plan  
14 at one of our meetings in October. So we will create  
15 a timeline. And it may change. We may need to be  
16 flexible, but we will produce that for you guys.

17 And then we also -- I will try and also get  
18 out -- because I heard Gary mention this about  
19 interpretation and Forest Service and BLM, but --  
20 Forest Service has produced an interpretation plan  
21 that is really a nice document signed off, as I  
22 mentioned earlier, and get copies sent to all of the  
23 Monument Advisory members just so you can see it.

24 And at some point when we get that person in  
25 place, we will have them give a presentation about

1 this interim plan. And what Connell said too; the  
2 facilitator will no doubt want to talk to all of you  
3 about how that process is going.

4 And so I just want to make sure that we  
5 summarize that. And we will in the future try to have  
6 information to the Advisory Committee two weeks prior  
7 to an Advisory Committee meeting where we want you  
8 guys to have action, where there's an action item on  
9 it.

10 The one question I also have, too, and it's  
11 why it would be important to have schedules for the  
12 work group so we could post that on the Web is if we  
13 have more lead time we can make sure the Forest  
14 Service staff is aware and BLM staff so you have a  
15 staff there at your work groups to help you.

16 And I think that's it with those things.

17 So now to an informational tour. I was going  
18 to see if September would work for folks to take a  
19 tour of the Indian Canyons, maybe, oh, the northern  
20 part of the lower Monument or anyplace folks would  
21 like to go?

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Can you be a little more  
23 definitive?

24 MS. GEORGE: Well, September, the month of  
25 September, during the middle of the week so we can

1 have BLM employees available.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Which week?

3 MS. GEORGE: I am totally open. It's  
4 whatever will work for the group.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, I am gone the week  
6 of the 23rd.

7 MR. MORGAN: We do have to remember -- this  
8 is Jeff Morgan -- it's still becoming quite hot in  
9 September, you know.

10 MS. GEORGE: Maybe we could visit some of  
11 the State Parks.

12 MR. WATTS: We don't have any water, but --

13 MS. GEORGE: It will be a fire line.

14 MR. WATTS: Well, if we do that, we would  
15 have to do that toward the end of the month, since I  
16 will be climbing in the Sierras.

17 MS. GEORGE: All of the September?

18 MR. WATTS: For a good solid week. The last  
19 week in September would be good for that, if you want  
20 to, or we could --

21 MS. GEORGE: Whatever the group -- I mean,  
22 Rob, you wanted to have a tour. Rob Lyman, what would  
23 you like?

24 MR. LYMAN: I would like to see it. The  
25 only thing is, to make it worthwhile, I certainly

1 don't want to sweat to death. I think that becomes  
2 part of the issue, because basically from July to the  
3 end of October people don't do much of that stuff.

4 MS. GEORGE: So September if we go up the  
5 tram, I don't think we are going to be sweating to  
6 death.

7 MR. LYMAN: That's fine.

8 MR. WATTS: I'm sure Rob will help us out.

9 MS. GEORGE: So what would work for dates  
10 for you, Gary?

11 MR. WATTS: During the week?

12 MS. GEORGE: Uh-huh.

13 MR. WATTS: Any of those days except the  
14 25th. 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, or 30.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thirty works for me. All  
16 the rest don't.

17 MS. GEORGE: Does it work for the rest of  
18 the folks? September 30th?

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thirtieth is a Monday, by  
20 the way.

21 MS. GEORGE: So that would work for  
22 September, then. I asked Al Muth if we could have a  
23 visit to Deep Canyon. And the dates we have for that  
24 are December the 4th and December the 11th.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: They are both okay with

1 me.

2 MR. MUTH: The 11th and the 18th.

3 MS. GEORGE: The 11th and 18th. I  
4 apologize.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Still both work.  
6 Wednesday seems to be a good day in December. 11th or  
7 18th? Anybody have a problem --

8 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: 18th is the Cultural  
9 Work Group.

10 MS. GEORGE: 12-11, Deep Canyon. So we will  
11 send out an e-mail. We will talk about it. We will  
12 send up a sign-up list maybe next meeting just to see  
13 who all can make it so we can schedule the vehicles.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's it?

15 Any other comments by Committee members prior  
16 to adjournment? We are then adjourned.

17 MS. GEORGE: Thanks.

18 (The proceedings were adjourned at 3:07 p.m.)

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