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Subject Re: Fw: Questions

Q # 1:

We always said we would work on any Petrified Forest proposal, but that they all were encumbered by the appraisal issues (the landowners not willing to agree to our appraisal because we do not consider the Petrified wood and other items such as cultural resources and dinosaur bones as having a value) Other issues were that proponents wanted to exchange for lands in the Metro area - the market was way to volatile so we were not considering exchanges in this area. We told the NPS that we would work on a exchange if there was a land owner who was willing to accept our appraisal and that was willing to select lands in the nearby vicinity so there was not the volatility issue.

The market has changed, but it is still unstable from our point of view so we are not doing exchanges in the Metro are or other previously volatile areas at this point - we will still consider an exchange in the local area as outlined above.

#2 :

The "withdrawal" was our transfer to the NPS of lands through a Sec order. We were told by NPS that they were planning on corrective legislation for a boundary mistake so they would have it that taken care of at that time. In speaking to Lucy Murfit when in DC she said she was not aware of any pending corrective legislation consequently we have begun preparation of the Sec order.

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Bill Civish met with or spoke to Mr. Higginson soon after the request came in - Bill asked for him to identify lands he would be interested in - Bill did not receive a response form Mr. Higginson. We will approach him again now that we know he is interested again.

we are meeting with NPS on Friday to follow up on assignments

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Need to talk about this before tomorrow morning's meeting

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Just in case I forget, I wanted to bring up the following items:

1-I have not been notified of any developments with Petrified Forest NP since the last briefing. I know the past couple of years land exchanges were not the #1 priority, I believe you mentioned energy was. Is BLM now ready to facilitate land exchanges –i.e. Petrified Forest expansion.

2-I recall BLM was going to withdraw mineral entry on BLM land within the authorized expansion lands (Petrified Forest NP). Has this been done already?

3-Scott Higginson with NZ Legacy recently contacted me about the status of his land exchange since he is only asking for land and not money, he feels this should be a priority and is more feasible. He admitted to forgetting about this because he's been working on his biomass plant, but would like to speak to someone in your state office to get this moving again.

Thanks so much!

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