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Hi Aden,

I took notes on my laptop for today's EMT call. Not sure why I never did this before!

Take care,  
Melanie

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Hi All,

I took the revolutionary step of using my laptop to take notes in today's EMT meeting instead of with my notebook, and voila! I have notes for you... Probably more info than you need, but you'll see what's going on around the state.

Have a good week,

Melanie

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## Monday EMT Call – December 4, 2017

- Aden on S/L; Lance leading the call.
- FDO – Victoria Barr
  - o FFO
    - FFO received approval to proceed with releasing M-G RMPA alternatives to cooperators and then the public after cooperating agency review.
    - Completed addressing comments for March '18 Lease Sale EA.
    - Completing review of RMPA CH. 3 Then beginning Ch. 4. May need to revisit schedule because of 8 wk delay from WO. Expect to release draft early May (rather than March).
    - VB in SF Wed pm for consultation regarding lease sale and O&G regs. Thurs in NMSO for unit meeting.
    - Lots of letters to permittees came back RTS from checkerboard area
    - Realty – 230 renewals, xx pending ROWs. 2 vacant realty positions.
    - Next week – Aden in FFO; Tues NMOGA & FFO Christmas Party; Wed SWA spin wheel visit; Thurs LS consulting parties mtg.
    - RAC rescheduled to Jan. 30-Feb. 1
  - o TFO
    - Rio Grande Trail group wants BLM to nominate parcels in the monument that would be an extension of the trail system. Will be making a briefing paper on this.
    - Pam acting for Ernesto this week. Met w/ Trust for Public Lands, Rocky Mtn Elk Fdn., Sarah N. to look at 3 parcels for acquisition in the monuments.
- ADO – Mark Matthews for Danita
  - o RPFO –
    - Still working on Milan Gun Range with NMDGF, FWS
    - Danita met with Acoma gov last week. Rec, shooting concerns?
    - Briefing Paper re: San Felipe and Ball Rch exchange in progress
  - o SFO – selected Logan Simpson as NEPA contractor on Borderlands Wind project
- PDO – Jim Stovall
  - o RFO – Chuck Schmidt
    - Stockmen's meetings.
    - RAC Meeting – Wed in Roswell. No quorum. Proceeding anyway
    - SL Exchange Outreach meetings this week – SF, Ruidoso, Roswell.
  - o CFO - Jim
    - Ray Keller received award from Cattle Grower's – big honor.
- AmFO – Sam Burton
  - o Planned plant shutdown started today. Doing maintenance, repairs. Should be back up Sun/Mon.
  - o Negotiations ongoing to move CRLP from an agreement to a FAR based contract

- Mtgs with GSA on closure activities. Got \$ for NEPA, but had to get more \$ for title work.
  - New PET, James Lamb; and new assistant at Cliffside (didn't catch name)
- OFO – Robert Pawelek
  - Last week had tribal consultation with Osage Nation re: RMP
  - RMP contractor was there last week to discuss shaving 12 mos off RMP schedule. Can do it with additional resources.
  - WO WHB having meeting with people int'd in off-range pasture contracts.
  - Mtg this week w/ Caddo Tribe re: coal.
- LCDO – Bill Childress
  - Responded to data calls, including Mon Mgr Reports.
  - American Magnesium call with WO today.
  - Soledad Co Rd – design contract. Most public supportive, but some nearby landowners concerned. County working to resolve before next set of public meetings in 3 mos.
  - Ready to brief on Copper Flats EIS. Have responded to comment received on draft EIS.
  - Call w/ Pearce's staff with Ms. Silva re: Restore NM and update on American Mg. They also asked about status of NM Copper EIS. Clarification on Hurt letter sent from BLM to Hurt.
  - LCDO fire worked on plan of initial attack for WUI areas. Working on agreement.
  - Quarterly NRCS/BLM meeting – Dec. 6
- 930
- Communications – Lisa Morrison
  - Donna on leave
  - 1<sup>st</sup> thing?
  - Land Grant Council Mtg in ABQ this Friday
- Budget – Jeff Brown
  - CR runs out this Friday December 8. There re discussion of a 2 week extension, plus another if necessary.
  - GS-9/11 NMSO Budget position is advertised now.
- HR – Pam Dale
  - Last week went to training on administrative investigations. HB coming?
  - Reviewing EPAPs. Then awards will be processed.
- 920 – Sheila Mallory
  - Communitization/Unit Agmt mtg. Dec. 7. BLM and SLO present. At NMSO 8-12, then with industry, SLO, OCD, at Courtyard Marriott.

- Call last week on Energy and Minerals Task Force:
  - Leasing Reform IM, want to get out by end of year. Makes lease sales rotational; we have option of including all offices or not; have 6 mos to get out NEPA; 45 day sale notice and 10 days to resolve protests; 7 month EOI-cutoff notice; DNAs preferred for NEPA; NO DEFERRALS FOR RMPs or RMPAs IN PROCESS; [Concerns from LCDO re: TriCounty; FDO re: SJCA citizen's alliance settlement re: requiring EAs; Carlsbad too]
  - Working on lease reinstatement IM. NEPA will still be required but they're recommending DNAs instead of EAs be done.
- 950 – Lisa Scott
  - Micki sent cell phone usage to AOs. In last 6 mos we've paid out \$12k on phones with no usage!
  - Use/Lose deadline is Jan. 5 2018
  - Property reports – were due Dec. 1. Trying to get property reports done early.
  - Sustainability Report – was sent to AOs about 2 weeks ago.
  - Contract Spc and Grants Mgt Spc positions open! Both GS-9/11.
- Lance
  - Aden received an email on Management training and videos. He purchased 5 videos:
    - Leadership Best Practices; Supervisors Success secrets; Time Management Tune-Up, Coaching Your Team to Higher Performance. High Impact Communication. Available for checkout for managers around the state.
  - BLM – A Sound Investment Brochure is available. Lisa M. will check to see if we received any additional copies; and we'll get out link.
  - Positions discussed at EMT meeting with respect to priorities of administration. One position moved from FFO and one from OFO to CFO. We still need additional people in Carlsbad to help with workload. Another 5 or 6 current vacancies may be moved to Carlsbad, but need to discuss with each managers first.
  - Whenever possible, try to keep things off Aden's plate and work through other people in SO instead.
  - Aden is working on someone to fill in after Lance.
  - Secretary Zinke's Monument Review. Today President Trump is visiting Salt Lake City to announce that Bear's Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante Monuments will be made much smaller. We don't know if there will be anything announced regarding monuments in NM. Any media or congressional inquiries – send to NMSO, who will send them to WO.