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Hi, Mara,

My name is Aaron Curtis, and I'm the Branch Chief at the Utah State Office that covers our National Conservation Lands program. I am very concerned about how much these WO-selected projects deviate from our State Director-approved priorities. Can we please schedule a call at your earliest convenience to discuss the rationale behind these decisions?

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Hi everyone

Thank you very much for all of your help and hard work with the scientific studies support program review process.  
Attached is a report with the FY17 funding decisions.

As I'm sure you know, we received more quality proposals than we could fund. If end of the year funds become available, we may be able to support additional projects. If any of the unfunded projects in your state receive funding from other sources, please let Brandon Riley (cc ed) and me know so we can make note of it prior to making end of the year funding decisions.

Thank you to those of you who have shared with me ideas on how to make next year's review process better. Later this summer, as I put together the IM and funding announcement for FY18, I will reach out to all of you to make sure we address all/most concerns and ideas.

Thank you again for all of your time and effort with this process. You all have been a great team to work with!

Best  
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