From: Simon, Benjamin
To: Nikki Moore
Cc: Jeff Rupert; Randal Bowman; Skrabis, Kristin E
Subject: Re: Question about Handford Reach NM
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:45:10 PM

Hi Nikki,

Thank you very much.

Ben

On Thu, Jun 29, 2017 at 8:32 PM, Nikki Moore <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

> Hi Ben,
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> I can check to see if we have any subsurface mineral rights and if so can explain what our role would be. I will coordinate with Jeff tomorrow.
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> On Jun 29, 2017, at 7:45 PM, Simon, Benjamin <benjamin_simon@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi,
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>> I would like to clarify a couple of things about Hanford Reach NM.
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>> 1. The response to the data call indicates "N/A" for energy, minerals, and grazing. However, the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for Hanford Reach indicates that there are oil and mineral rights owned by the Big Bend Alberta Mining Company as of 2008 on 1,280 acres.
>> - Can you let us know the status of these mineral rights?
>> - If these rights do exist it seems like they would be considered valid existing rights. Is this correct?
>> 2. The NPS' 1994 EIS on Hanford Reach contains information on minerals. The information in the EIS information includes USGS mineral assessments. The minerals include: sand/gravel/stone; clay; Pumicite; petrified wood; and placer gold. Also, there appear to be potential oil and natural gas present in the Basin.
>> - Do you have any information you could share with us about minerals on the NM?
>> - Does the 1994 EIS reflect current conditions?
>> - Were the Monument boundaries drawn to exclude the area swhere there were potentially exploitable minerals?
>> 3. Does BLM have a role leasing or permitting any of the minerals that may be

present?

Thanks for helping with this.

Ben
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