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Subject: Phone call with Josh Hicks, Wilderness Society

Hi – Had a phone call with Josh Hicks of the Wilderness Society this morning. It was basically a meet and greet call as we haven't met before; he offered to meet in person when he is in DC.

He had a few questions:

1. He wanted to clarify team structure for how we are working on Alaska roadless rule. I told him Ken is the IDT team lead, I handle the WO liaison issues.
2. He asked where direction came from for roadless team to be working over furlough and acknowledged their FOIA on this topic. I said not everyone on the team was working and those that were weren't full time nor did they work during the entire furlough. I described the work done as limited to being responsive to the contractor carrying out analysis to prepare DEIS.
3. He asked about Utah: what did team look like, were we starting to prepare for public meetings. I said that we haven't yet received a petition from the state so it's premature; we've discussed structure but it's fluid and we haven't started planning/preparations for a rule making process.
4. He asked whether we were aware of other states coming forward with petitions, specifically Nevada and Wyoming. I said Utah is the only one I know of moving a petition forward now, though we do hear about the work by the Citizen's committee in Wyoming on occasion.

I asked him about their view of CO and ID rules. He said TWS has provided input to Utah about the Colorado petition process, which support as a good example of how to do it. At the same time; they don't see a lot of change on the ground as a result of the rulemaking process. In ID, they wonder how meaningful the lower tier roadless areas are. Feels the categories make management more complex, where it used to be binary – in or out of roadless.



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