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January 25, 2017

Mr. Harry Barnes, Chairman
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
640 All Chiefs Road
Browning, MT 59417
Via Federal Express

Mr. Nelse St. Goddard, Chairman
Blackfeet Tribal Land Board
640 All Chiefs Road
Browning, MT 59417
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RE: Floweree Cattle & Land Company, LLC d/b/a North Fork Cattle Company's
Notice (Pursuant to Blackfeet Tribal Land Acquisition Procedures) of Sale of
Conservation Easement to The Nature Conservancy and Assignment of such
Easements to the US Fish and Wildlife Service

Dear Mr. Barnes and Mr. St. Goddard:

This letter is to provide you with a courtesy notice that Floweree Land & Cattle Company, LLC ("Floweree") which owns and operates the North Fork Cattle Company (located at the old Galbreath Ranch north of the Duck Lake Road on Whiskey Gap Road) intends to sell a conservation easement on its fee lands to The Nature Conservancy. The transaction is scheduled to close in late February.

Floweree is not selling any of its fee land, and the title to all such lands shall remain with Floweree. Floweree shall continue to own and operate the cattle ranch locally known as the North Fork Ranch. The purpose of the conservation easement is to preserve and protect in perpetuity fish and wildlife habitat, including wetland, riparian, and upland plant communities on approximately 15,000 acres owned by Floweree, while allowing Floweree and future generations to continue to engage in farm, ranch, and agricultural pursuits on the land, consistent with its long history of such activities. Immediately upon the closing of this sale, The Nature Conservancy will assign the easement to the US Fish and Wildlife Service under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and other federal conservation laws for the purpose of preserving and protecting the fish and wildlife habitats. Copies of the Easements are attached to this letter as Exhibits 1 and 2 and copies of the assignments from The Nature Conservancy to the US Fish and Wildlife Service are attached as Exhibits 3 and 4. While future development of the property will

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be limited by the conservation easement, hunting, recreational, and agricultural activities will continue to be permitted. Floweree is excited to be able to participate in the preservation of important plant and wildlife habitat in the area.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with notice of the transaction and, pursuant to the Land Acquisition Procedures, to allow the Tribal government the opportunity to purchase the conservation easements instead of The Nature Conservancy. Should the Blackfeet Nation elect to purchase the easements under the Land Acquisition Procedures, it would still be obligated to immediately assign each of the easements to the US Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the terms of the transaction. The purchase price of the easements is \$2,450,000.

Please respond to this letter within thirty days of your receipt. Should I not hear from you within the applicable time period, the transaction between Floweree and The Nature Conservancy will proceed as scheduled and will close in late February.

I have discussed this transaction with Derek Klein so he is aware of the details and the intents of the parties to the transaction and has suggested that I provide notice to each of you. Because this transaction does not meet the definition of a land acquisition as described in your Land Acquisition Procedures as the title to the real property is not being conveyed, but rather will remain at all times with Floweree, it does not appear to me that this transaction is covered by your Land Acquisition Procedures. However, out of an abundance of caution, Floweree and The Nature Conservancy wanted to provide this notice to you. If I might answer any questions for you, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

BROWNING, KALECZYC, BERRY & HOVEN, P.C.

By


Kimberly A. Beatty

Enclosures

cc: Derek Klein, Blackfeet Tribe Legal Department (via email)
David Carr, The Nature Conservancy (via email)
Gary Sullivan, US Fish and Wildlife Service (via email)