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Don't forget my ice!

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Morning Matt,

Thanks for the update. I'm headed to Alaska on Saturday and I've asked Andrew to follow up with Brandon and Mark.

Thanks,

Ben Gilles

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I had a good call with Lyle Rutherford from the Blackfeet Council and Jonathan Harding from the Rickett's organization today. Here are the outcomes of that meeting:

- The Tribe has asked that they be allowed to install game cameras on the ranch as indicated by

the attached map. The ranch has agreed as long as the Tribe commits to maintaining the cameras. Brandon Kittson from the Blackfoot Fish and Wildlife Dept will be reaching out to the ranch manager to schedule a time to install the cameras next week.

- Jonathan informed us that the remaining 10 wildlife crossings have not been installed. Brandon is going to visit with Mark Demanigold about location for those crossings while he is out at the ranch next week installing the cameras.
- Jonathan also provided another map (attached) that shows where gates are left open on the ranch when bison are not present ( as noted on the map by “Bison Winter Range”
- Following completion of installation of the cameras and the remaining 10 crossings, I committed to our folks creating one map that shows: 1) location of crossings; 2) location of open gates; 3) location of cameras.

At the end of the call, Jonathan said that this (the remaining action items from above) is the completion of Phase 1. He remains committed to working with both the Tribe and the FWS on addressing any further issues identified by the Tribe (via the cameras or otherwise) as we continue to move ahead.

Per the last bullet, I would ask that Ben or Andrew follow up with Brandon and Mark next week to learn the final locations of the cameras and crossings and then create one updated map that shows crossings, open gates and camera as soon as possible.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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