

[EXTERNAL] RE: Update -- Pink House Environmental Assessment

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Hi Matt,

I def will put this as an agenda item for Friday. I know its hard to deal with but you did your best. I will let the Senator know asap. See you on Friday.

Valerie

From: Hillman, Matthew D <matthew_hillman@fws.gov>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 11:12 AM**To:** Tarr, Bruce E. (SEN) <Bruce.Tarr@masenate.gov>; Coolidge, Valerie (SEN) <Valerie.Coolidge@masenate.gov>**Subject:** Update -- Pink House Environmental Assessment

Good morning to you both,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with advanced notice of our *proposal* to demolish the Pink House as early as this winter, after a 30-day public comment period (Nov 1-30) of a draft Environmental Assessment. This will of course be a painful thing for many to hear, but I know that Rochelle, the PH group and many others have acknowledged repeatedly the considerable effort we have all collectively undertaken for over 7 years to exchange the property. The unfortunate reality is that continuing along that path indefinitely is not in the public's best interest. After an exhaustive search, there are no landowners willing/able to complete a viable land exchange as the house continues to deteriorate.

Public release of the draft document will be tomorrow, so please keep a close hold on this. I know we have an MRBA meeting Friday and I will be there; happy to discuss then.

All my best,

Matt

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