

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Parker River to Release Draft Environmental Assessment on the Pink House

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Hi Matt!

I'm so sorry for the delay in getting back to you. Thanks so much for taking the time to let Team Markey know how the EA public comment process is going. We hope the public meeting on November 20th was a helpful chance for the public to hear from FWS about all the work that has gone into keeping the Pink House and why the current EA is important to the mission of FWS' work at the Parker River Refuge.

Best of luck with the last couple of days of comments, and please do let us know how the review of the public comments goes as FWS finalize the proposed plan!

Hope your holiday season is off to a nice start! And thank you for all that you and Jenn do!

Kind regards,
Katie

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Hello Katie,

As we're just over half way through the Pink House public comment period, I thought I would check in with you and provide a brief update. As expected, there is a highly vocal group of core supporters who are advocating strongly for their cause, and I have seen a fair amount of misinformation. I look forward to meeting with the public -- and to addressing much of this head-on -- as part of a Nov 20th forum at PITA Hall.

As you may also be seeing, there are others (albeit a much less vocal group) who are calling for the house's demolition or otherwise supporting all or parts of the proposal.

I welcome any feedback or updates you may have from your perspective. It does seem, for the most part anyway, that this issue has stayed relatively local.

All my best,

Matt

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