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See below. We have approval to include the ungulate provision for the Ute Reservation lands in the 10j.

Scott, see below, Martha's request to learn more about where wolves can have impacts on ungulates. Can you reply to all and let me know when you would be ready to brief her.

Stephanie, once Scott responds, can you see if you can get 30 minutes on Martha's calendar.

Thanks.

From: Williams, Martha M <martha_williams@fws.gov>
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Hi Matt – This proposal sounds reasonable and makes sense to move forward. I am curious to learn more from Scott on the science of wolves' impact on ungulates, largely so that I am informed and speaking of the current state of the science on the matter. Thanks, Martha

From: Hogan, Matt <Matt_Hogan@fws.gov>
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Subject:

Good morning Martha. I hope you had a good weekend. I wanted to follow up on our conversation on June 6 about the 10j. Since that time, I have asked my team to go back and look at the request from the Southern Ute Tribe regarding the 10j and ungulates. They have come back to me and said two things: 1) their letter does not specifically request take authority in the Brunot Agreement Area and 2) upon further analysis, they believe there is suitable ungulate and wolf habitat on the reservation. Based on that, I would like to recommend that we return to what we discussed in May at the Directorate meeting and allow for take of ungulates **only on reservation lands** but not extend it to the Brunot Agreement Area.

I recommend this for several reasons: 1) I think this shows respect for the sovereign authority of the Tribe and honors their request; 2) it is not inconsistent with the state plan nor does it set up a potential conflict down the road between the state and the Tribe; and 3) upon further discussions with Scott Becker, he believes, that depending on the scope and scale of the analysis area, wolves can have impacts on ungulates in certain, albeit limited instances. Given that the Tribe was not

supportive of the general release of wolves and that they will likely find their way to reservation lands, I believe we should consider their request. The same high bar as in other 10j rules on this issue (scientific analysis to include peer review) would be in place before we would authorize any take of wolves on the reservation.

Happy to discuss further but your schedule looks pretty limited this week and I am also traveling to the Northern Great Plains JV meeting this afternoon through Thursday. My folks were hoping to have a final answer as soon as possible so they can finalize the rule and get it moving through the surname process so we stay on the schedule of having the 10j rule in place NLT December 15.

Thanks for your consideration.

Matt

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