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Den update

1 message

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Wed, Feb 22, 2017 at 7:23 PM

To: "christopher_putnam@fws.gov" <christopher_putnam@fws.gov>, "Klein, Kimberly" <kimberly_klein@fws.gov>

Christopher and Kimberly – Sorry, it's the message below (end of string) I sent to the team. Disregard previous forwarded email.

Hello Christopher and Kimberly,

I apologize for not sending an update for a while. Latest report is that there have been no changes to the den location. UAF guys did another UAS overflight, we have not received that footage yet. Will pass on to you when we get it.

I just sent the message below to the Endicott team reminding them of the impending road closure during den emergence. We discussed this at length several months ago and they were putting plans in place to be prepared. I don't anticipate any issues and with the PBI camera set up we'll be able to monitor the situation closely.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Beth Sharp

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To: Alaska NS - Endicott - Field Foreman; Alaska NS - Environmental Specialist; Alaska NS - Endicott - Enviro Tech - ACS; Alaska NS - Endicott - Security Desk; Alaska NS - EHS - Specialist - Endicott & Northstar; Alaska NS - Logistics Foreman

Cc: John Barnes; Bo York; Bridger Edwards; 'Geoff York'; BJ Kirschhoffer

Subject: RE: Beth on leave next week.

Endicott Team – We are fast approaching the window when we would expect our mamma polar bear to emerge from her den (typically March 1 – April 15). Bridger Edwards and Michael Broadhead are working with the Polar Bears International guys to get a live-stream camera set up.

I wanted to remind everyone that as soon as she emerges, we have to shut down the road until she and her cub(s) leave for good. With 24-hr monitoring available, USFWS considers her gone-for-good when she and her cub(s) have not returned to the den for 24-hrs. Until that happens the road will have to remain closed. Unfortunately we don't know if she will take 2 days or 2 weeks to depart for good so we need to be prepared to have no road access for up to 2 weeks.

So, as we discussed earlier this winter, whatever you need to do to be prepared, please put those plans in place. I'm available to help you however I can.

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