

From: [Melbihess, Tracy](#)
To: [Jonathan Olson](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Catron County _ communication protocols
Date: Friday, September 6, 2013 8:24:11 AM

Let's hold tight until Sherry has a chance to absorb the work agreement and Justin's response (which I still need to fill you in on when we have time) and determine whether she's going to the commission meeting next week.

On Thu, Sep 5, 2013 at 10:52 AM, Jonathan Olson <jonathan_j_olson@fws.gov> wrote:

Tracy,

"he" is Alex Thal. The email I forwarded was addressed to me and instigated by my informal request for information on wolf nuisance and other incidents from Jess Carey. But the position as stated in his email applies to any of our requests for information on any subject. They will not provide until we have signed off on an agreement. So my question is do we want to push back on the issue of them withholding info and should we do that by me replying or as part of our negotiation on the agreement. We need the info now to do our writing of Ch 3 and 4 and it may take awhile to get through the review process on the proposed agreement.

"I am committed to providing the USFWS with all the information we have regarding the **socioeconomics, etc., to provide full disclosure to the public. This is all pending the FWS signing off on the joint EIS agreement, per 40 CFR 1506.2. Once we have a working agreement** between the County and USFWS, I believe that **we can accommodate** our respective legal requirements.

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From: Melbihess, Tracy [mailto:tracy_melbihess@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 2:38 PM
To: Jonathan Olson
Subject: Re: FW: Catron County _ communication protocols

Is "he" Jess or Alex? If one of them is waiting on a reply from you, you can just let them know that our solicitor is reviewing the agreement and we will discuss with Sherry. For now, maybe you could send them our information as a courtesy, as long as it is public information. I don't want to be a go-between with you and Alex on the human health and safety stuff if that's ok. I've already told Alex in a stand-alone email that our solicitor is reviewing the agreement and we are discussing availability to attend next week's meeting.

On Wed, Sep 4, 2013 at 12:45 PM, Jonathan Olson <jonathan_j_olson@fws.gov> wrote:

FYI. I didn't notice that you weren't on this email initially. When I talked to Jess Carey I told him we'd like to use the Catron County records of wolf incidents/nuisance behavior as we develop the Human Health/Public Safety section of the EIS. He said that anything he would provide would need to be ok'd by the Board. I think we need to make the point that if USFWS is going to interact with them as prospective cooperating agencies then would like them to do the same and provided requested info. so we can move forward on writing. It should be a two way street as we try to wrangle the MOU and the proposed work plan agreement. I can reply to him or do you want to talk with him on this subject as part of your discussion on the work plan? Given our writing sked it would be good to get this stuff sooner rather than later.

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From: Alex Thal [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 4:49 PM
To: jonathan_j_olson@fws.gov; elizabeth_jozwiak@fws.gov
Cc: Glyn Griffin; Cathlyn Snyder; Jess Carey; Bucky Allred; Richard McGuire
Subject: communication protocols

I appreciate your interest in obtaining socioeconomic impacts regarding the Mexican wolf.

Catron County Wildlife Investigator, Jess Carey, informed me that Jonathan and Elizabeth were asking for this information.

As you are aware there are protocols now that we are in the NEPA process. In short, I am the County liaison for the FWS 10-J EIS. Furthermore, the County has its own environmental review ordinance that is currently in effect as it relates to the proposed 10-J rule/EIS.

I request that any requests pertaining to the 10 J Rule and EIS be directed to me, as the Liaison and as the County Interdisciplinary Team Leader for the County Environmental Impact process.

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I look forward to working with you in this regard.

Sincerely,

Alex Thal, Catron County Natural Resources Coordinator

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