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To: [Jonathan Olson](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Catron County _ communication protocols
Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2013 2:37:49 PM

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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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.

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.

I look forward to working with you in this regard.

Sincerely,

Alex Thal, Catron County Natural Resources Coordinator

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