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**[EXTERNAL] SpaceX - Refuge fire meeting**

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Wed, Jul 31, 2019 at 2:40 PM

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This meeting day/time worked for most all attendees. Thank you, Leslie Grey

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Ecological Services Branch of USFWS requested a meeting/conference call with FAA and Space-X to discuss the fire occurring on the evening of July 25. Topics will likely be focused on the EIS and Written-Re-evaluation to the project and show that the recent fire is something that was not addressed in the EIS because initially Space-X proposed launches, and included in their plans to construct a water tower and infrastructure to difuse the flame of the rocket during launches. Now that the site is for testing, there is no such infrastructure in place, therefore, as before the likelihood of fire on refuge was stated to be unlikely, it is now apparent that given the changes to Space-X project/activity and constructed infrastructure, there is a likelihood we will have a fire, and maybe more to come, given Space X plans for more engines, bigger rockets, higher hops, etc. Therefore, the purpose of the conference call with FAA and Space-X and FWS will be to find out how the NEPA can be improved/amended to address what is actually happening now, as opposed to what was proposed when the project was first presented in April 2011. Because the fire occurred on TPWD lands, I'm sharing this information so please join the call if you can. Also, the frequency of road closures has been much higher than originally anticipated, so access to state and federal public lands and the beach has been impacted to a higher degree, possibly such that the public are now being conditioned to no longer anticipate being able to access this area. These and other discrepancies between the NEPA documents and what is currently occurring will be the focus of the call.

Sincerely,

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