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Thanks Bob,

This is helpful. I'll pass it on.

Note that the concern that I heard related both to the apparent lack of an initial response and to the members' request to be kept informed of the issue until it was resolved. I assume the F.S. has a copy of the original Hutchison, Edward, Culberson letter on file, but in case it's not handy, I'm attaching a copy to this e-mail.

Thanks for arranging the meeting with Mary - I'll plan on stopping by her office at 9:30 am next Monday. If there is any way to get a letter from the F.S. back to Stan containing the points we discussed, it would be optimal. I could try to get Stan to sign off on that framework prior to our meeting so that we could drive this discussion another step forward. I realize that Mary is in a retreat and this may not be possible, but if it can be done, I think it would be a good move given the timing on this issue.

All the best,

Brian



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On Sep 24, 2009, at 11:50 AM, Robert Dennee wrote:

Hi Brian.....

Good to talk today.

Jus to confirm, Mary Erickson will meet w you on Monday, Sept 28th, @ 0930, in our office in the downtown Post Office.

In our discussion, you indicated some people are evidently concerned that the Forest Service never responded to a February 20, 2008 letter from Senator Kay B. Hutchison, Cong Chet Edwards and Cong Culverson (sp?) of Texas.

Here is the Forest Service response, dated April 2, 2008, to Senator Hutchison:

Here is the same letter in our former software (".doc").

Let us know if more is needed. Thanks...

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For Mondays discussion and if pushed for an acceptable agency option .

*My recommendation* -- maintain all public rights of ways across the Schlueter property and re-route (at landowners expense) the west leg of 166B road. This would shift it away from Mr. Schlueters home site, on a mutually acceptable location, and re-connect it south of his home back into 166B.

This would protect the public's access rights across the property while providing the landowner security and privacy around his primary home site. Also we could consider hunting, camping and campfire restriction on 166 B/D roads thru section 21 if additional security is required.

This seems like a simple & fair solution to a complex issue. It also might not require a lot of lands work to complete other than reassignment of re-routed road, engineering of road re-route and possibly a forest order. This was an action which has been displayed to Stan and was an acceptable alternative we considered in March 2009 too.

*See ya Monday at 0930*

*Thank you for your time & consideration, Jose*

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"Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done." - Josh Billings

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George Bush? Who was that? Don't think it matters much anymore.

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to a solution, and he is urging Stan to hold off on pushing for a legislative. Also added he is looking forward to the Monday meeting.

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