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From: Binder, Jonathan [binder.jonathan@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/6/2020 7:31:20 PM
To: Binder, Jonathan [Binder.Jonathan@epa.gov]; Byrne, Andrew [Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov]
Subject: Conversation with Binder, Jonathan

Binder, Jonathan 3:04 PM:

nice talking points

Binder, Jonathan 3:04 PM:
well read

Byrne, Andrew 3:04 PM:
B-)

Byrne, Andrew 3:04 PM:
i muted people who were talking

Binder, Jonathan 3:04 PM:
actually not "Much of indian country"

Byrne, Andrew 3:04 PM:
Teams is great

Binder, Jonathan 3:05 PM:

News Media Writers: Please Stop Saying "Half" of Oklahoma is "Indian Lands" or "Indian Territory" — It's Not (Yet)

August 5, 2020Matthew L.M. Fletcher

In a bit, I will publish a post recommending Turtle Talk readers check out the Mother Jones article "How Native Tribes Started Winning at the Supreme Court." It's an excellent read on how the Tribal Supreme Court Project started after tribal interests lost 4 out of 5 cases in 2001 and first met (on 9/11 in D.C. while the Pentagon was burning) to figure out how to stop losing so much.

But the subtitle . . . "**In July, the court ruled that *half of Oklahoma* is an Indian reservation. The decision was two decades in the making.**" No good. **IT IS NOT TRUE THAT *HALF OF OKLAHOMA* IS OWNED BY INDIAN TRIBES.** Stop it.

The McGirt case involved the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's reservation, which is *maybe* 10 percent of Oklahoma (I don't know the exact amount). Yeah, four other

tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole), and maybe others have similar histories and can expect to benefit from the McGirt case. If you count *all* the Five Tribes you might get to 40 percent.

Here's the NYTs map that shows the land areas of all of the five tribes likely affected by McGirt:

Byrne, Andrew 3:05 PM:
that's different

Byrne, Andrew 3:05 PM:
the state's request is for much of indian country

Byrne, Andrew 3:06 PM:
only excludes a small portion

Byrne, Andrew 3:09 PM:
a bit lengthier here than expected

Binder, Jonathan 3:18 PM:
so many people. wow

Byrne, Andrew 3:18 PM:
region 6 sent it to over 60 people

Byrne, Andrew 3:18 PM:
i invited Tina, Randy, and Arturo

Binder, Jonathan 3:18 PM:
and me:)

Byrne, Andrew 3:18 PM:
had to turn off notifications, my email was blowing up

Binder, Jonathan 3:18 PM:
are you taking notes?

Byrne, Andrew 3:18 PM:
yes. only you 4 were invited

Byrne, Andrew 3:18 PM:
Karen is

Byrne, Andrew 3:19 PM:
and me. But not on this part. heard it 3 times by now