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cc Tami Fordham, dorothy, '"Thomas Tilden"'
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Subject RE: meeting on friday

I am adding Tom Tilden and Dorothy Larson of Curyung to this email. Tom may be able to attend.

I understand that central questions from the Tribes point of view are: (1) Is there funding to cover whatever the federal agencies would want the Tribes to do, (2) What is the time commitment for such tasks, and (3) What are the tasks the federal agencies would want the Tribes to perform?

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-----Original Message-----
From: jeff parker [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 10:28 AM
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Subject: RE: meeting on friday

Hi Patty,

Here is what I received from Mark Jen:
GSA Conference Room 154 in the Federal Building for 1:00 pm on Friday, August 13. It is in the 1st Floor atrium.

I'll represent my clients as originally stated, as initially investigating potential cooperating agency status for the Tribes, in order to report back to them. If the Tribes request cooperating agencies (as I have encouraged), then I would expect more direct contact, rather than me as an intermediary, though I will remain available as counsel.

I raised the possibility of combining events when I learned about the mining information sessions. I will send out today a note that if they want to attend or are going to be in Anchorage, they are of course welcome.

As I recall what Mr. Meacham and I wrote on their behalf, we thought we could investigate:

(1) What are issues that might arise in an EIS process upon which the COE, EPA or others might think the Tribes could be most helpful to other agencies? We suggested subsistence-related issues, such as
(a) use-areas,
(b) traditional ecological knowledge,
(c) species involved, and irreplaceability of particular resources,
(d) levels of existing competition, etc., and
(e) comparison of subsistence behavior and competition on state vs.

federal land, because both are in the area and the land is under respective state and federal subsistence regimes. You may see others I have missed.

(2) Are there field activities upon which they might help? Some of the tribal members have been participating in water quality work, of which I have no detailed knowledge, but which I believe is funded by BIA or EPA. I think the focus has been on the Koktuli.

(3) What sort of funding sources exist for work done by Tribes where the work product may be of assistance to a NEPA process? I understand that the COE does not have grant programs, that EPA does, the DOI and BIA appear to have them? Would the COE or EPA be willing to work with the Tribes in securing non-federal grant funds? You may have other suggestions along those lines.

I also want to be available to you now and in the future to offer thoughts on matters that my clients or I have raised, but which may not be clear on first blush. An example is interplay of the 2005 BBAP and NEPA that arises under NEPA regulations.

I hope that we'll cover these matters. Detail is not necessary at this time. I view my roles here as an initial conduit, between your agencies and the Tribal Councils that are my clients, as well as their counsel. If any of you have suggestions for how I can best perform either function with respect to cooperating agency status, I welcome suggestions. As Patty and I probably both recall form Dillingham, the Tribes spoke frequently to EPA of their desire for a substantive, government-to-government relationship. I appreciate that federal agencies respect that relationship. I hope that we can make it substantive and beneficial to all.

Best regards,

Jeff Parker

Thanks -- Jeff

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As you know, EPA has postponed the mining information sessions in Dillingham and Illiamna. However, I am still planning to be in Anchorage for other meetings and participating in-person at our meeting on friday at 1:30 pm Alaska time.

Jeff - were you planning to bring any of the tribal leaders in for this meeting?

Mark - can you please resend the meeting room location and the meet-me-line number. Cara will be calling in from Seattle.

thanks - Patty