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Subject Fw: Baca

I want to keep you two in the loop. Kim later clarified that Barry misspoke. The IG was critical of how the Service handles oil and gas, not NHPA.

I'm sending her the current draft now.

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"Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted." A. Einstein

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Mike will send you the EA (will only the chapters dealing with NHPA be OK?)

Can you send us the IG report or show us where it is? Have you shown Barry Steve's opinion? Hopefully you have.

Thanks

We need to get this done this week. This is one ultra low sulphur drill rig drilling two exploratory wells over 3-4 months on a refuge that was a working ranch and where several permittees graze cattle and cut hay using diesel tractors all year long, every year. Next to a national park with more emissions from visitors in one week than will be produced by this rig in one or two months. Add the fact that we don't have the mineral rights and have to honor their surface agreement.

The only thing significant is the delay Interior has put up to this proposal for two exploratory wells. BLM has Categorical Exclusions for these activities where they are actually authorizing and permitting the access to federal minerals.

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Subject Baca

I spoke with my Deputy Associate Barry Roth yesterday, he would like to see the current version of the EA. He is concerned as the IG recently issued a report sharply critical of our handling of NHPA. He'd just like to make sure we are addressing things in an appropriate way from the IG standpoint. I confess, I did not even know that was an issue. I asked Ron Garcia for a copy of the current EA and did not get it. Can one of you please get it for me, and send it electronically. I understand it's still draft, so you can certainly send it to my work e-mail address if necessary. I'm working at home today, but I can go in if necessary.