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Subject: TBNG Prairie Dog Situation Assessment

Good afternoon, Commissioners.

You should be receiving (or already have) a letter or phone call from the Ruckelshaus Institute about participating as an interviewee in a situation assessment. The assessment is in regard to setting up a work group to provide recommendations to the Forest Service on p-dog issues. I have included a press release from the Forest Service explaining its intent for this outreach.

If you are able and willing, please do engage with the Ruckelshaus Institute and share your thoughts about how the FS should respond to p-dogs by including in its management scheme a work group, regardless the path it decides to ultimately go down. I sat down earlier this week and shared mine.

Your participation in the assessment is not to be confused with you protecting your interests as cooperating agencies and taking a timeout from the FS meetings as they work internally to address your and the state's concerns about proceeding down a path that does not reflect a plan amendment.

Don't hesitate to circle back with any questions you may have. I know there has been a fair amount thrown at you on this subject as of late, so bug me as you need to.

Gregory

P.S. — A joint letter from the Governor for your consideration is forthcoming. His office bounced a draft off me yesterday and I provided some feedback. Needless to say, the concerns and interests expressed in draft versions are very much in line with those you've advanced.

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