

Date: 5/18/2009

Time: Approx 1630 hrs

Contact: [REDACTED] ck (called in)

Person Documenting Contact: [REDACTED] y, [REDACTED] r, Santa Fe NF

[REDACTED] called to share "what's up". Felt that our past meetings had gone well. He mentioned that he had sent a letter to [REDACTED] after seeing some "argumentative" e-mails. He said that he had gotten a general answer back from the Carson ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) and that they had said "we will get back to you" but he hasn't heard anything yet.

What's Up

The previous weekend (5/19-20) the "group" discussed sites. He said they determined that the Gila was already too dry and that the more northern areas were preferred. He said he didn't want to surprise the Forest Service, hence his call to me today to alert us that sites on the Santa Fe were being considered. While members of his group disagreed that he should share with us as they thought us to be "evil" he stated that he said "No, we NEED to talk!"

As of 10 a.m. this morning, Santa Fe became a serious consideration for the gathering. We would notice scouts stopping over and a more detailed discussion of sites would happen this Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 22, 23, 24). He says he wants MUTUAL acceptance of a site.

There is a team out today that will spend about 1 to 1.5 weeks looking at sites between San Pedro Parks Wilderness and Valles Caldera NP. They had an initial 7 sites to look at, 4 were considered to have more potential. These are: Rio Cebolla (T20N, R3E - near the NW corner of the VCNP), Penas Negras (T20N, R2E), Rio de las Palomas (T21N, R1E), and Cerro Springs (T21N, R2E). No sections were provided. [REDACTED] mentioned that there were no real meadows noted in Cerro Springs. Garrick said if they got "keen" on others he'd let me know. These areas, he noted, are on Cuba and Jemez Districts and in Sandoval and Rio Arriba counties.

He asked us to inform him if any of these areas had issues such as cultural resources or T and E species that might cause the FS concern if chosen. He also asked that if we had alternates that would work better from our perspective they would consider.

According to [REDACTED] the Santa Fe had a 50/50 chance of being selected. He also said he doesn't have the say and likely would not be involved in the decision. The issue with the Carson was the potential impact on Taos over a major holiday weekend that might lead to "heavy aggravation" for the community. Santa Fe NF areas are more remote, less impact to the city of Santa Fe, and the town of Cuba would likely see financial benefit from increased business, rather than see the Rainbows as an "interference" to the holiday weekend.

He mentioned he had a CD made of 3 years of interviews with merchants (about 11 minutes) that he was currently previewing. He said that of those interviewed they said they were initially scared but made money. His intent is to duplicate CD and share with other towns.

He said he is just looking for the best site. If none of these proposed will work for us they need to know.

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