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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 9:15 AM
To: commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] September expenses

Good morning, ma'am,

I think you're on the right track with the details.

No need to create anything beyond just an ability to track, so whatever that looks like for you. Interesting that you brought up a call log idea. If there's interest from the rest of the commissioners, I can create a spreadsheet that meets the court's guidelines and make it available to the Commission. It would have to be filled out and sent to me monthly so I could keep up, but I like the idea.

Thanks! We can talk more about it when you get into town, if you like. 😊

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] September expenses

Good morning, here are my September travel expenses

9-21 Met with Bozeman Masonic Lodge. 2.5 hours and 14 miles round trip.

9-28 Gallatin Range fly over with EcoFlights and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. 3 hours and 11 miles round trip.

Previously I haven't been very detailed about these reports, I only submit when I get in my car and go somewhere. Now after the settlement I assume we are going to need to provide more detail on these meetings on who exactly we are

meeting with and the contact person so was wondering if I should make a spreadsheet or if you are going to have something more specific.

Do we need to detail phone calls to/from people? For example, if I talk to a person representing Trout Unlimited on the phone?

Planning on doing my best to comply with the rules,

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Wickman, Erik

From: Waltee, Dean <DWaltee@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 9:21 AM
To: commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fw: USFWS Opens Public Scoping on Proposed Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area

Hello Susan,

I didn't attend any of the meetings and have not yet visited with anyone that did.

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 8:41 AM
To: Waltee, Dean <DWaltee@mt.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fw: USFWS Opens Public Scoping on Proposed Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area

Hi Dean,
I was hoping to go to these but schedule didn't work out. Did you go?

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On Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 7:47 AM Waltee, Dean <DWaltee@mt.gov> wrote:
Hi Susan,

I haven't received any public feedback on the proposal. The public scoping period will generate discussion and input.

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Waltee, Dean <DWaltee@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fw: USFWS Opens Public Scoping on Proposed Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area

I did see this article this morning. Are you hearing opposition locally?

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On Thu, Sep 21, 2023 at 9:52 AM Waltee, Dean <DWaltee@mt.gov> wrote:
For your interest--

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From: Gilles, Benjamin M <benjamin_gilles@fws.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Gilles, Benjamin M <benjamin_gilles@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USFWS Opens Public Scoping on Proposed Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area

Good morning,

Today the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will open a public scoping period on a proposal to create a Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area in southwest Montana. Upon completion of the scoping period, the Service will consider next steps, which may include the development of a Land Protection Plan.

If created, the proposed Conservation Area would authorize the Service to work with willing landowners to purchase up to 250,000 acres of conservation easements within a proposed 5.7-million-acre boundary. No fee title acquisition would be authorized. Conservation easements in this area would help conserve important wildlife habitat and migration corridors for species such as grizzly bear, pronghorn, elk, mule deer, and bighorn sheep while also protecting open space and keeping working lands working.

The scoping period will run from September 20 – October 26, and the Service will hold three open-house meetings in southwest Montana during that time. Please see the copy of the Service’s news release below for additional details.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Opens Public Scoping Period on Proposed Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area