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Fwd: NGS Trust Responsibilities Work Group

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Subject: RE: NGS Trust Responsibilities Work Group

Ben,

I am writing on behalf of Governor Lewis in response to your email below concerning the upcoming meetings on April 5th and April 6th at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass.

Attached to this email, please find responses to the questions posed in your email below.

With respect to the meetings themselves, Governor Lewis will likely want to make presentations at one or both meetings concerning impacts of an NGS closure on the Community (and/or the CAP water tribes more generally). In addition, Governor Lewis is willing to lead the CAP water tribe subgroup meeting.

Finally, we hope to have a preliminary report addressing economic impacts prepared and circulated prior to the meetings.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting next week.

Best,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:11 PM

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During the course of the NGS Meeting on March 1st, many questions arose concerning the Trust Obligations between the Tribes and the United States, the impact of NGS on the economies of the Tribes, the Counties and the State of Arizona along with the Water Rights issues of the CAP Tribes.

While a conference call could suffice, I believe it is in the best interest to hold a meeting of the Subgroup in Arizona on the afternoon of Wednesday April 5th and the morning of Thursday April 6th at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler Arizona.

In preparation for this meeting I am asking each of you to prepare a briefing on the following issues for your organization.

1. What are the Trust Responsibilities between your organization and the Federal Government/Tribal Nations.
2. What is the current impact of NGS on your organization and how would closure affect your organizations ability to continue at this current level.
3. What are identifiable Economic Opportunities that can sustain and/or replace the benefits derived from NGS for your organization.
4. What Common Ground/Resources already exist that could play a role moving forward.

In addition, Governor Stephen Lewis from the Gila River Indian Community will be heading a Subgroup on CAP Water issues. Since many of us overlap, we should plan on also plan on addressing those issues during our meeting.

Between now and March 31st. please send any items that you would feel need to be included on the Agenda.

