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Comments: Question from the call yesterday

Dear Dawn, Katrina and Dan,

Hi, this is James Matzorkis. I was on the call Tuesday, July 3rd. Hope you all enjoyed some quality family time on Independence Day. Just following up with a couple of ideas I have for how the plan could unfold as transparently and inclusively as possible.

First Point - More frequent phone conferences/accommodating a wider variety of schedules.

I appreciated the lunch hour timing of this first phone conference because it fit in fine with my summer schedule, but it doesn't always work that way. There are times of year, like fall, for instance, when I as a landscaper need to be working with all the daylight I can get, so evening calls will work better for me as the season wears on. I'm pretty sure a good number of people would prefer evenings as well - some people start work at noon. Some people have really short lunch breaks. Some people just have more time in the evenings.

Additionally, a monthly call doesn't recur often enough for us to really talk much out. A monthly meeting might work ok for groups of people who catch each other in passing often enough to keep each other up to speed through interim periods, but that's just not the case with these forums. I think we need our calls to be bi-weekly at least. Since this would make for two calls a month, we could schedule one monthly at noon, like we have now on First Wednesdays, and another, say on 3rd Wednesdays in the evenings. This would keep the conversation flowing and make room for people with disparate schedules. Do you think this is possible?

Second Point - When asked whether Native Nations would be part of our public forums, you responded that they were invited to participate, but that they were already being consulted separately. I was just wondering about public access to those separate consultations. I think it's important for us as a public to acknowledge that we are living on land that was forcibly stolen from the Native People of this continent, land that is, in truth, still rightfully theirs, and to observe firsthand and participate in how they are dealt with presently by our government. Are these consultations on record? Is the public free to attend? Please let me know as soon as you can. Looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

James Matzorkis