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Subject: Yurok legislation

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Steve, I appreciate the fact that you cannot be expected to have a firm position on proposed legislation without signoff from higher levels of NPS and DOI, but I do want to share with you an early draft of a bill that embodies the goals and management principles that the Yurok are advocating for with regard to the national park lands at the mouth of the Klamath River that lie within their Reservation, and have done so for over a century - and certainly for long before there was a Redwood National Park.. This draft puts in bill language the same cooperative principles that we have been discussing with you and your predecessors over the past 8 years at Redwood, and that are fully articulated in the "Shared Values Statement" that both the park and Tribe signed some time ago.

The Tribe's position is that these lands appropriately should be owned (in Trust) and managed by the Tribe as a key element of their ancestral homeland where their ancestors resided for thousands of years. As the draft bill plainly states, the Tribe will manage these lands as tribal park, fully compatibly and cooperatively with NPS.

As you will realize upon reading the draft bill, the concept goes a bit further in legislative language than was the case with earlier park/tribe precedents such as Everglades/Miccosukee, Death Valley/Timbisha Shoshone, or Grand Canyon/Havasupai. If it moves along expeditiously as we anticiapte, it could also serve as a model for other park and tribal cooperative relationships of the future, including Badlands/Ogalala or Canyon deChelly/Navajo.

Once you have read through the proposed bill language, I would be happy to discuss it with you at your convenience, and urge that you engage the Tribal Council on a government-to-government basis to further explore issues and opportunities.

Thanks,

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Subject: Follow up on Yurok Lands issues

Steve,

Thanks for coming to Klamath yesterday to meet with us about our lands concepts. The Tribe will continue to work with you on the issues we discussed yesterday. For purposes of clarity please note the following.

Destry is the point person for the Tribe who will be working with you on issues/concerns/concepts around the potential transfer of Park lands within the Yurok Reservation to the Tribe. We want Destry to work with you to address potential issues with a goal on our part to address concerns by working toward draft language. Destry will be in close contact with the Tribe (Tribal staff, myself and Council). Please don't forward any working drafts to others until Destry says okay. We will be clear with you about what we will do with draft language as well. If there are any questions please ask Destry and you can contact me (707-498-8486 or at this e-mail address).

We also appreciate that you expressed interest in continuing to work with the Tribe under existing authorities. To this end, the Tribe will be developing a more formal Self Governance Title IV request for your consideration. Megan Rocha will be the point person for the Tribe here.

We also agreed that we would all touch base next week before the Tribal Council's trip to Washington DC. I believed we discussed speaking next Wednesday, June 3. We'll work to set a conference call for that date.

Thanks for you effort here. We want to move forward in a positive and productive manner. If something looks as if it is getting sidetracked please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,  
Troy Fletcher  
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