

February 22nd. You can call me on my cell at any point though.

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To [REDACTED] R3/USDAFS@FSNOTES
cc [REDACTED] R9/USDAFS@FSNOTES
Subject Re: Fw: phone call follow up []

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] any word? The reporter has called back every other day since this went out on the 4th.

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[REDACTED] R3/USDAFS@FSNOTES
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[REDACTED] please read down through this stuff, you will find the media request and the answer we would give. If this response is acceptable, please notify me, [REDACTED] and Captain [REDACTED]

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I spoke with Mr. Banks. He would like his question answered. According to him, he does not want to query the Border Patrol about a question concerning U.S. Forest Service land. He said he will wait whatever time it takes for the answer. (or I suppose "no comment") What would you like me to tell him now?

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you are correct, no comment is not good: I would explain the situation to him and say he might not get the answer in a timely manner and the better info might come from the BP. If he insists it come from us, we can send it on up.

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In my opinion, saying "no comment" to the media can be bad for business when they make an official request. It sometimes causes them to target us. That is just my opinion. I will contact Mr. Banks. How would you like me to word the answer? (no comment?, please contact the Border Patrol for your answer?)

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Talked to [REDACTED]...rather than elevate a one question deal to the WO can we push Mr Banks over onto the BP for that answer? He might have better luck, get more info and we would not have to deal with the media/WO issue.

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[REDACTED] per your request, I am forwarding this email to you and [REDACTED]

I have been contacted by Mr. Leo Banks with the Tucson Weekly in reference to a story he is doing. (See Annette's message below). He is specifically asking Forest Service law enforcement if we have seen an increase in smuggling activity in the Kino Springs area due to the increase in Border Patrol infrastructure in that area. The border zone law enforcement program for the Coronado National Forest has not seen a significant impact to the Coronado National Forest, in the Kino Springs area, due to the infrastructure.

Please let me know when and if you would like me to call Mr. Leo Banks back with this information. Thanks!

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To Jeanine Derby/R3/USDAFS@FSNOTES, [REDACTED]
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Mr Banks indicated he was doing a story about a private landowner who was has a current law suit with the government about the decreasing value of his property due to the BP infrastructure. He asked if we had experienced any impacts from the infrastructure. I remarked that in regards to forest management, we have not changed any management actions due to the infra structure. He asked about the District policy of requiring 2 people at one time. I told him I did instill the policy shortly after arriving on the district, but it was not a result of the infrastructure. He asked how I would enforce the policy and I responded that it was an internal process which would be dealt with internally, not LEO -- he asked if LEO would cite people. I clarified at this point, it was an employee policy, not a public policy. IT was obvious that he had the wrong info. He then said he had heard rumors that the FS was going to close the area. I told him that since that area is in my area of responsibility, I would be the one who made that decision and I have NO intention of closing the area to the public. He seemed as though he understood, we will see what he does with it.

I did give him [REDACTED] desk number and indicated to him that he would need to phone her if he has questions related to LEO issues. He danced around the topic, however, I deferred from providing any info.

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