## Wu, Irene

From:	Richard Currit [RCURRI@state.wy.us]
Sent:	Friday, September 18, 2009 9:44 AM
To:	Yu, Irene
Subject:	RE: Nichols Ranch In-Situ

Thursday after 10am Mountain Time (12 Eastern) works for me.

>>> "Yu, Irene" <<u>Irene.Yu@nrc.qov</u>> 9/17/2009 1:17 PM >>>

Just heard back from BLM and they aren't available to chat about the Nichols Ranch project until next week. What's your availability for next Tuesday or Thursday?

From: Richard Currit [mailto:RCURRI@state.wy.us] Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 11:19 AM To: Yu, Irene Subject: Nichols Ranch In-Situ

Hi Irene,

I just took a quick glance at this and wanted to get a hold of you quickly. Please note that the reports (in particular, the site forms) do not meet standards. We need to have original forms/reports on archival, acid free paper. Also, photographs need to be on photo paper.

Do you need a formal letter stating this?

Also, although we could concur with a determination that the project has the "potential to adversely impact" historic properties (as stated in your cover letter), this concurrence would be essentially meaningless. All undertakings that we review have that potential. Or are we to consider this an official determination that the project will have an "adverse effect"?

I am also concerned that the "Permit Boundary" as shown on the map actually extends into the Pumpkin Buttes TCP and that the "Outer Extent of Monitor Wells Locations" appears to have virtually no buffer from that boundary.

I am also confused regarding the survey coverage. In particular the area immediately adjacent to North Middle Butte. According to the survey map, Frontier surveyed 240 acres for this project, and another 40 acre parcel within the Permit Boundary has been previously surveyed. What about the remainder of land within the Permit Boundary?

Also, I don't see any discussion of the sites/survey located in T43N., R75W., Sections 7-9, 16-18 and 20? (although one site form from this area is included.) This is the western block on the Johnson/Campbell County line.

If you have any questions, please write or call. Also, let me know if you need a formal letter concerning report standards, I'm hoping that an email will help resolve the issues quicker.

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