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Thank you for calling me today, Cassie. I made a few notes on the topics we discussed and am listing them here in case I forgot something.

- The main special status species (SSS) to be aware of for the project is the LPC. Regarding LPC timing restrictions, only the activities planned that lie within the LPC timing restriction zones are subject to the BLM stipulations (no buffer is applied to activities that do not lie within the LPC timing restriction zones). The shapefile shows that the private portion of the site is completely within the timing restriction area but the rail spur is outside of it (I also confirmed with GIS).
- The Salt Playas ACEC, if approved as proposed in the draft RMP EIS, would introduce a stipulation that prevents project activities within 200 meters of Laguna Gatuna.
- The final RMP is estimated around Sept 2019. Likely NRC's draft EIS will be developed prior to the final RMP publication.
- Regarding wildlife surveys for the rail spur, you indicated that surveys would be required for raptor nests and burrowing owls, preferably conducted within the same nesting season as construction is planned. If active nests are found, then conducting pre-construction surveys within 7 days of planned disturbance for those nests would be necessary, and avoidance of active nests until young have fledged.
- A stipulation for the rail spur may also include a vegetation survey for a couple of special status plant species (Sheer's pincushion?) that you saw pop up on your GIS layers, and you were going to clarify that with your colleague which species would need a survey.

Thank you again for this information. Any clarification on the last bullet for sensitive vegetation would be very helpful.

Amy

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Hi Cassie,

I wanted to let you know that if it is easier for you to respond to questions 2, 3, and 4 from Jill's email last week, I am more than happy to talk with you over the phone at your convenience. I can update NRC afterword, no need for scheduling a formal meeting.

My direct line is 210-522-5750.

Hope you are having a good week,  
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Hi Jill,

No Holtec has not applied for a right-of-way yet. I included Cassie in this email, so she can answer your wildlife questions. Let me know if you need anything else. Have a great day!

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 9:13 AM Caverly, Jill <[Jill.Caverly@nrc.gov](mailto:Jill.Caverly@nrc.gov)> wrote:

Tessa,

Hello from the NRC! We are busy developing the EIS for the Holtec Consolidated Interim Storage Facility application. Our ecologist, Amy Minor, has a few follow-up questions for you and Cassie. Please see the list below. If you would like to follow up with a call, I would be happy to set up it up.

Questions and information needs:

1. Has Holtec has applied for a ROW permits and what requirements would apply? If those applications have been made to your office, are they publicly available for the EIS to reference?
2. Could you confirm that the site is outside of the LPC timing restriction zone for the spur?
3. Could you provide a list of standard stipulations and special stipulations in the RMP, and clarify whether certain stipulations would be waived as part of the proposed project?
4. Could you send a list of SSSs in the project area....wildlife and vegetative species?

Also, for your planning, I am hoping to get the draft EIS to you in the Fall of 2019. I am still working on finalizing the dates but that is the general target for right now. I am waiting on information from the applicant which will determine the timeframe for the draft review. I also want to let Bruce know that I am still waiting on the complete cultural resource survey from the applicant. As soon as I receive it, I will start the consultation with Tribes and will be in touch with Bruce so that he can participate.

Let me know if you have any questions and if you would like to address these questions in a follow-up email or call.

Thanks so much,

**Jill Caverly**

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