

BOD Conference Call

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On 11/15, Dale R. got an email from CA people, in advance of President's visit, what would our 3 talking points be?

1. Suggest a Presidential Budget initiative in 2020 – \$250 million per year for 5 years
2. Dispute resolution process - use arbitration approach

Jim called chief and relayed info. They too are working on something

BOD agreed we should launch an initiative

Jim had call with chief and Hubbard and Doug Crandall on the 10th. Jim Hubbard didn't want us to do anything. They did something to try to increase the budget. No support from OMB. There is sympathy on the Hill. This would be over and above the savings from fire reform – around \$300-500 million. They are worried about losing that. They would like us to support retaining the fire funding savings and if there is any additional funding. We agreed to work with Doug and send in a letter. Also work with appropriate Senators for support. (Larry is working on this). We need to have something ready by January. Suggest we add this to our Phoenix agenda for 2021 effort.

Jim G. – pros and cons of any action. Support topic on Phoenix agenda.

Al W. – Talked to Hubbard last week.

Possible that Chief and Hubbard could come to Phoenix meeting.

Needs help in putting together letter to appropriators in January.

2 other things –

Good Samaritan email

Capacity project – Jim and Tom did a dry run. Each interviewed a district ranger. Have a plan laid out. We run it by the committee tomorrow. Qualitative – interviews with FS personnel. Quantitative – numbers. Then make recommendations to the Chief.