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I have a small window of internet here this week: I think it might be best to leave the UAS in and hope for the best or a slight change in scope or personnel that would allow for the COA.

Dan

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Gerry, Russ and Dan,

How would you like to proceed? I need to submit the OWCN proposal by Thursday this week. Shall we keep the UAS in there, give a go at a permit and if it is denied we can change the scope of the trial (assuming OWCN funds us?

Other option is to pull the UAS. To make up for the whole that leaves I suggest I would put trialing of dogs in the proposal as a way to demonstrate their efficacy and to develop leads for OWCN to use as sources/handlers of dogs if they ever needed the tool in the event of a spill.

Since the draft is already written and reviewed by each of you I prefer the first option- leave the UAS in there and see what happens,

Brad

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David-

After talking to the FAA, it appears unlikely a COA for this project would be approved. They are concerned with the potential of bird strikes and their potential to damage the UAS and then the associated risks. If the F&WS wants to proceed, we will give it

the old college try but I am 99% sure the COA will not be granted.

mike

Sent from my iPhone