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Wanted to give you all a quick update from my call with Gwynne, Matt and Kathy L. On the ES front, they expect we will hear from FAA this week, with potentially a draft BA or sharing preliminary info. I asked how the test went and if all the water vaporized. They said the effects will include some water dispersing airborne, but no sheet flows of water leaving the pad due to design features. I told them we would be very interested in how effects are described and would probably good to get folks from FAA, Space X and FWS to get together after we've had a chance to review whatever we get from FAA to talk through what we might need. They did also say they are working with TCEQ but were less specific about what that looked like when I asked.

On the Refuge front, they were very complementary of everyone's work on the Massey Road improvement. They asked about the timeline for the ROW as they are anxious to be able to get power and comms to the Massey Road site. I talked to Steve after the call and he'll followup with folks on the timeline

they remain interested in an exchange for that 2 acre parcel next to their site but also have interest in some other possible exchanges. I said it would be better to look into what other things they have in mind and it would be more efficient to do one larger exchange v. several smaller exchanges if the timelines worked. I also let them know I am not interested in any exchanges that would limit public access to Boca Chica Beach. Gwynne and I thought an in person meeting to discuss land exchange options in more detail would be the best way to proceed on this one

Lastly, SpaceX owns some 90 acres crescent shaped parcel off hwy 4 that is accessed via a dirt road through the refuge. At this time (within next couple of weeks) they are interested in accessing their parcel via pickup truck to assess it. They are interested in the future in potentially building wetlands/park on this parcel (I guess it's an old meander cut off from the river). I asked if the wetlands work was associated with mitigation for a Corps permit and they said no. I will forward the maps Gwynne shared to the refuge crew so you know what she is talking about.

So followups-

Marlene is going to look at options for an in person meeting—likely Sept and will be reaching out to you for availability

Dawn—let me know if you receive anything from FAA this week and first reactions to whatever you get

Steve-let me know timeline for Massey Road ROW

Steve/Sonny—process for short term access to 90 acre parcel and process for longer term possible access road improvement

Any questions, let me know
thanks