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Anna,

After our phone discussion, I was able to connect with Chairman Finley. He said that Director Ashe had contacted him by phone last week and that, during the call, the Director said he understood there was discussion about a joint statement and that the Director said he thought it was a good idea. Chairman Finley said that the Director told him he would send the Chairman the name of FWS staff with whom CSKT staff could follow up regarding working on a statement.

Director Ashe later gave the Chairman the contact information for Betsy Hildebrandt, so my colleague Ryan Rusche then sent Betsy the email I had forwarded to you during our discussion this morning.

I hope that helps. The Chairman did say that he believed that, when Director Ashe called, it was within the context of issuing a statement proactively. However, the Chairman agrees that while there is not a need to issue something proactively at the moment, both CSKT and FWS should have a joint statement that is approved and ready for the next media inquiries.

Following up on your question, I also asked Chairman Finley whether he had communicated to Director Ashe the Tribal Council's support for the FWS proposal. The Chairman thought he had communicated that, but he could not remember with specificity, so he said he will email the Director to confirm the Council support. Please advise if the Director needs anything further with respect to the Council support.

Let us know what you hear on your end.

Thanks,

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