

Grizzly Flat Community Center Proposal Follow-up

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Supervisors Turnboo and Parlin:

I hope this message finds you well. I apologize for the delay in following up with you, it was nice to visit about the subject proposal. As I mentioned when we met, I am now back to my normal job as the Regional Public Services Director. Aaron Mayville is now the Acting Eldorado Forest Supervisor.

Again, land acquisition is within my portfolio at the Region and our role is to provide technical assistance and effectuate land transactions. The decision to enter into lands transactions and the formulation of such projects rests with the local Forest Supervisor and staff.

With regard to the community center proposal, I offered to explore with our regional lands staff the authorities that may be applicable to a project of this nature. Accordingly, I've copied my Deputy Director, Nancy Parachini and our Acting Lands Program Manager, Kristi Sandberg. Kristi happens to be stationed on the Eldorado Forest. Kristi and I had an opportunity to visit with Vickie Sanders today on this as well.

From our perspective at the Region this project will benefit from the formation of a local project team to continue collaborating to formulate the specifics of the project, particularly as relates to the existing project to transfer land for the school. As I understand the various needs in this area, there seem to be a couple of approaches to explore further:

1. Explore the potential to have community use space incorporated into the new school build and related land transfer in accordance with applicable authorities to transfer land for educational purposes.
2. Explore applicability of other authorities to acquire a separate parcel of land on which to build the community center.

Regarding the second option our initial review of authorities suggests we may be limited in pursuing this option as we do not normally donate federal land, rather we more commonly are recipients of land donations. That said, we are exploring this further.

I and our Regional Team remain at your service and look forward to working on this important project. Meanwhile, I'll leave it to the Forest staff to coordinate further with you on continued project formulation and options.

Apologies for the long email. Best wishes to you all.

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