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Congrat's...good civic engagement as I read it. Good job all.....Mary

P.S. Kathleen...copy in park file please...

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Hi Mary,

The 19jj meeting with NTS Corporation that was held yesterday in Washington was successful in that formal negotiations were forestalled. The NTS representatives wanted to negotiate a settlement then and there. Our solicitors told them that we couldn't negotiate anything over \$100,000 without notifying the Department of Justice. Also, the Damage Assessment Team (not present) needed to be involved in any negotiations. Therefore, the meeting turned into a discussion of what 19jj is, what the processes are, and how to start negotiations (which the Solicitor's Office has been trying to do for a year and a half.) At the

conclusion of the meeting, there was agreement that the NTS lawyers will contact Marcia Gittes in Boston to begin negotiations.

The real key to the success of the meeting was getting the right people to the table on our side. Orginally, the meeting was going to include the NTS folks, Senator McConnell's staff and only Don Murphy and Jeff Taylor on our side. Thanks to Dan Hamson and Marcia Gittes, we had the right people there. Dan and Marcia also did a great job at the meeting itself. It turned out that no one from Senator McConnell's office attended.

Participants included:

- Brian Lavin, Chief Executive Officer & President, NTS
- Grayson Hanes, ReedSmith, LLP
- Rosann Tafel, Senior Vice President, Ceneral Counsel, NTS
- Ralph DeRosa, General Manager, Fawn lake
- Steve Martin, Deputy Director, NPS
- Jeff Taylor, Assistant Director, Legislative & Congressional Affairs
- Dan Hamson, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist
- Barry Roth, Solicitor's Office
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