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SUBJECT: Cabin Creek/Taylor Ranch Operation

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I talked with Major Brown of the National Guard today, my first direct contact with the Guard. Here are some points of interest to you and those receiving copies of this memo:

1. The operation is scheduled for July 5 - 21.
2. The Sky Crane helicopter problem has been resolved and it will be loaned by Nevada. To manhandle the walls, they are trying to obtain a 4,000-lb Rough Terrain Forklift.
3. To solve the foundation problem, they will do a single pour of footing and pad, then shorten the curing time to about 3 1/2 days (normally would be 7).
4. He was unsure of their housing logistics, but I told him the cabins would most likely be needed for UI use (Jeff Yo + 12, plus whoever is coordinating the project on behalf of UI). It sounded like they plan to camp on site(s), which is contrary to other information I had received.
5. He was noncommittal about doing other jobs, but I emphasized that digging a winterized trench and springbox are essential for making the cabin operable year 'round.
6. They have been expecting to receive from us a list of projects and a list of what we want done when they re-erect the cabin. He offered to work up a bill of materials from that. Purchase will be our responsibility, and they will haul it in

if we get it all to Big Creek. [I forgot to re-confirm that the concrete and aggregate are exceptions, and we are under the impression that the Guard is willing to cover that expense.]

- a. A start on cost development will be Larry Chinn's report from our visit to Taylor Ranch Oct. 30-31.
 - b. The material lists are essential since we will need to have everything purchased and hauled in by July 5. Just as important, a lot of decisions and commitments are needed, and no one yet knows exactly how much money is going to be needed.
 - c. A supplement to the WRC budget will be necessary to cover the extra costs of flights for our people, hauling to Big Creek, etc.
7. Major Brown seems to be the key contact and is well versed on the details of the move. However, he will have several other projects going on at the same time next summer and is unsure who the Guard's on-site coordinator will be.
 8. He knows of no permits needed from the Forest Service, nor do I. However, with an estimated 100 helicopter flights and other traffic, we both realize the potential for bad press. This is something we will all need to work on in advance, and we agreed that positive, advance efforts are needed to prevent being placed on the defensive.
 9. As soon as Larry Chinn's material reaches us, we need to develop the next steps.
 10. Major Brown appreciates the need for communication as this complex project takes shape. He suggested another meeting of principal parties sometime early this winter and I agree. It may be in Moscow or elsewhere, but I doubt that anything more on site would be productive. In the meantime I hope all concerned will share information promptly. July is going to come quickly!

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