

September 21, 2018

Heather Provencio  
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Williams, AZ 86046

VIA EMAIL & U.S.MAIL

Dear Ms. Provencio:

As a follow up to our meeting of July 10, 2018 in Williams.

As you know there has been a discussion in the Tusayan community for many years about creating more for-sale residential opportunities in the area. While multiple parties own multiple undeveloped private properties in Tusayan that could be used for this purpose, and single-family home sites exist to the south, this desire continues to be expressed by some.

One developer has long used this as an excuse to justify massive commercial development in the area that would tax the environment, area water supplies and degrade what it means to visit the Grand Canyon. Indeed, the developer Stilo/Halvorson have failed for many years to deliver on their new housing commitment despite pledges and property to do so. They also continue to build more hotels rooms with no new housing in Tusayan.

Fortunately, there may be a solution at hand. Some affiliates (Tusayan Land & Cattle Company) of our Tusayan-based Red Feather properties owns some 1,500 acres of private "inholdings" within the Kaibab National Forest Service (KNFS.) At least one of these inholdings appears to be the closest private property to the rim of the Grand Canyon itself. Our family has not used the lands for anything other than recreation since purchasing them and are exploring our options for the land.

Now, however, we could be part of a solution for housing that doesn't intrude on the environment and helps the Forest Service consolidate management of natural resources by facilitating exchanges of these lands for less sensitive federal property elsewhere.

We write to inform you of our official interest in beginning a land exchange process whereby some of our inholdings could be exchanged for acreage adjoining Tusayan that would be deed restricted to single or multi-family housing. Existing infrastructure within Tusayan could be utilized and it would be our intent to sell property to Tusayan-based employees for a small amount of money to build homes. In addition, we would be willing to exchange our other properties beyond those needed for this housing goal for property outside of the Grand Canyon area that makes economic sense for all involved.

In this way all environmental problems that have repeatedly been expressed by the public, Grand Canyon National Park, U.S. Forest Service officials and many others could be avoided.

Furthermore, we ask that the developer that has created so much havoc over the years with controversial development plans to abandon those efforts and join us in exchanging their inholdings for other federal, non-sensitive lands outside of the Grand Canyon area, as well.

We will be respectfully asking the KNFS for more information to know how we might work with you to achieve these important objectives. Thank you in advance for the consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clarinda Vail".

Clarinda Vail

For: Tusayan Land & Cattle Company

Cc: Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent, Chris Lehnertz

U.S.D.A. Forest Service Southwestern Regional Forester, Cal Joyner

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