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## Re: Sugar Pine Mine Incident Check in Calls

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Jerry/Theresa,

Just a quick update, then until this afternoon...

The lawyer for the mining claimants was unaware of the Oath Keepers effort to have militia types protect the mine site from any perceived actions of the BLM. At least some social media traffic being monitored is acknowledging the truth being co-opted and spun. However, the initial rhetoric and response to the call to action has not diminished (at least in print on the social media) (snowball down the hill effect).

All employees of FS and BLM have been notified to stay away from the area. No current issues with contracts, though in a couple of weeks that could change.

Talking points for the media/employees (FS/BLM) will be developed by 11:30 today. Jim is notifying congressional and local elected officials. We are notifying ODF and ODFW, who might have a reason to be in the area. We are notifying KSWild, as they often have folks monitoring mining activity in the Grants Pass area.

Media interviews beginning later this morning, focusing on the process, current laws, requirements, etc. As a face of the BLM and a potential retaliation source, **Jim Whittington would like your validation that BLM will support him in every way possible** should he be harassed with tactics like having liens filed on his home or having to change phone numbers. Don Robinson let him know that LE has had training on these matters and that any such tactics would be taken up as criminal actions immediately.

One last concern was raised for future consideration. If militia types gather up but have nothing to do, they may still be here when both the FS and BLM have NWFP and RMP type meetings.

John