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Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 6:00 PM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Question

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From: Benge, Shawn <shawn_benge@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 8:56 AM
To: Margaret O'Dell
Subject: Re: Question

I can call at 9:30 if not too late. Currently on conference call. If 9:30 won't work, give me a time and I will make it work.

Greatly appreciated!

On Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 9:23 PM, Margaret O'Dell <peggy_o'dell@nps.gov> wrote:
We can certainly add another person to help age the workload. Do some of you need to have a day off soon? Are you available to talk early tomorrow morning. You can call my cell anytime after 7:15 in the morning. Look forward to talking with you
Sent from my iPhone

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Andy Newman
Florida Keys & Key West tourism council

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 7:35 AM
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Cc: peggy_o'dell@nps.gov; dan_kimball@nps.gov; stan_austin@nps.gov;
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Subject: Re: S. FL Parks

All,

Nick and I spoke after he talked with Rachel. FL was interested in funding Biscayne operations for the Columbus Day Weekend revelry.

With the all or nothing aspect FL is unlikely to pursue further.

V/R

Brian

Brian Carlstrom
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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2013, at 11:29 PM, Rachel Jacobson <rachel_jacobson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> I gave Maureen the heads up this afternoon. Not sure if FL will
> pursue formally, they are testing the waters now, so to speak.
> But I do think we need to be ready with coms, as the FL press is all
> over the upcoming party. I alerted Blake, Kate, Sue.

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From: Carlstrom, Brian <brian_carlstrom@nps.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Rachel Jacobson
Cc: Margaret O'Dell; Cam Sholly; Gordon Wissinger; Christiana Admiral; William Reynolds; Willie Lopez
Subject: Re: Fw: Fwd: FW: Biscayne opens for Regatta

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To: Rachel ASFWP <rachel_jacobson@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: Manley Fuller <(b) (6)>
Date: Fri, 11 Oct 2013 08:33:21 -0400
To: <(b) (6)>
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Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 11:55 AM
To: Jon Jarvis; Peggy O'Dell; Maureen Foster; Mike Litterst; Blake Androff; Kate Kelly; Bruce Sheaffer
Subject: shutdown may provoke foreign invasion

the Conch Republic self-declared independent nation in the area sometimes known as Key West - is threatening an invasion of Dry Tortugas.

assault could include the delivering of pizzas to rangers or the dropping of bread from a sea plane.

will share further invasion details as they are known

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