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Here is the email that transmitted the final briefing paper requested approval to end Indian Lakes Tours.

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Ed, Bud and Don,

Attached is the requested abbreviated and updated briefing paper regarding my request and proposal to phase out of and terminate public tours at Indian Lakes. I request your concurrence by May 28th so a timely press release can be issued that will announce final tours in June. We now have a favorable Calico Court decision and we need to seriously consider the toll that these tours are taking on our employees, our resources and the damage that is being done to BLM's image as a result of the tours.

Based on my personal experiences with phone calls and emails from irrational individuals I am becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of our employees and potential terrorist acts against our facilities. I am not concerned that people who attend the tours will cause harm, but I am concerned about potential actions from the irrational and emotional publics that read Elyse Gardner's blogs. There have been no direct threats that we can take action against, but I've had calls from individuals who are clearly mentally unstable and others that express their outrage. The volume of these angry communications increases each week and last week the Churchill County Sheriff's Department began an investigation following a complaint alleging inhumane treatment of an animal at Indian Lakes.

I am not sensationalizing this as I have experienced all of this first hand after conducting the last nine Indian Lakes Sunday tours and being the person that most call and email. John Neill's and our veterinarian's reputability is seriously being compromised by the fall out from the Indian Lakes tours.

Please call me if you need to discuss this further before supporting my request to phase out of and terminate these tours. The impact of stopping the tours pales in comparison to the impact to our employees and BLM's image. I am hopeful that this can be discussed with Sylvia and the Director's Office tomorrow during the every Wednesday meeting.



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