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Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site
in State Game Lands 211, Pennsylvania**

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Welcome to the public meeting for the proposed plan for the State Game Land 211 Ricochet Area Munitions Response Site. For those of that don't know me, I am Jo Anderson. I work for the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at Fort Indiantown Gap, and I represent the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. I'm going to be the mediator for this meeting.

Meeting minutes from our last meeting in October have been made available, so, at this time, I would like to ask someone to make a motion to approve those minutes.

No, you didn't put in there -- I asked at the beginning of the meeting, has anybody ever been hurt by unexploded ordnance in Stony Creek Valley. You sat there, you himhawed around, "Oh well, I don't know." Colonel Yearwood, at least he had the guts to tell the truth and say, "Yes, that is a true statement." Is that in the minutes? So, there's an objection.

Does anybody have a copy of the minutes?

Hey Deb, is that...

Deb, is that in the minutes?

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1 MR. GERHARD:

2 Did we make any addendums to the minutes?

3 MS. VOLKMER:

4 No, we were unclear what the comment was.

5 MS. ANDERSON:

6 I think there was some email correspondence with you and maybe
7 we didn't get some response.

8 MR. ROSSEY:

9 It's a public meeting. We are the landowners. Are we in agreement
10 with that? Who owns Stony Creek Valley? Who owns it?

11 MS. ANDERSON:

12 The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13 MS. ROSSEY:

14 And who is that?

15 MS. ANDERSON:

16 The government, Pennsylvania.

17 MR. ROSSEY:

18 The people in this room?

19 MS. ANDERSON:

20 Um-hum.

21 MR. ROSSEY:

22 The people -- the people of this state own that land. Am I correct? Is
23 that a true statement?

24 MS. ANDERSON:

25 Yes, it is.

1 MR. ROSSEY:

2 Okay.

3 MS. ANDERSON:

4 Does anybody want to make a motion to approve these minutes?

5 MR. ROSSEY:

6 No, because you're missing -- it's missing. Until you -- until you
7 make it transparent to the public that nobody has ever in 50 years
8 gotten hurt back at Stony Creek Valley due to unexploded ordnance,
9 then the minutes should be null and void.

10 MR. GERHARD:

11 John, if we work with you via email or a phone conversation, can we
12 get that...

13 MR. ROSSEY:

14 No, because this is a public meeting. Everybody needs to hear this.
15 The land belongs to all of us, and it needs to be brought out
16 transparent in the public and here we are.

17 MR. GERHARD:

18 And what...

19 MR. ROSSEY:

20 We're going to take it up right now.

21 MR. GERHARD:

22 What I was offering is if we could make sure we get it correct per
23 your memory of that meeting for the documentation purposes...

24 MR. ROSSEY:

25 Okay.

1 MR. GERHARD:

2 ...could we work with you on that?

3 MR. ROSSEY:

4 Can we just put it out there right now and make -- is everybody in
5 agreement? Within the last 50 years has anybody gotten hurt due to
6 unexploded ordnance in Stony Creek Valley? Does anybody in this
7 room know of anybody that has ever gotten hurt in Stony Creek due
8 to unexploded ordnance, yes or no?

9 MS. ANDERSON:

10 I cannot answer that question.

11 MR. ROSSEY:

12 I can, to my best of my knowledge, no.

13 MR. ANDERSON:

14 Yes, sir?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 Could that fall under additions and corrections to the minutes
17 possibly?

18 MS. VOLKMER:

19 Yes it can.

20 MS. ANDERSON:

21 Yes.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

23 Well, then, could a motion be made to that effect?

24 MR. ROSSEY:

25 And it's a true statement. You need to come to the fact that that is a

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1 true statement. Why are you not coming to that fact? Why do you
2 refuse to tell the public that nobody has ever gotten hurt there? Why
3 do you do that?

4 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

5 It is -- it is a fact, in my memory, you know, since I've been here
6 since 1998, there have been -- no one has ever been hurt to my
7 recollection or to my knowledge. Now, has anybody ever been hurt
8 back there? I have no idea, for a fact, anybody has been hurt there,
9 but nothing has ever made it back to us or to the Game Commission,
10 I believe, that anyone has been hurt. Yes?

11 MR. RICE:

12 I do quite a bit of history. Even when the Army was training with
13 authorities, a forest fire 500 acres on the north slope of Second
14 Mountain, what did they do? You're dismissed from today's duties,
15 go fight the fire in those boulders up there, you know.

16 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

17 Yeah I can't...

18 MR. RICE:

19 And there never -- there was no fear of unexploded ordnance at that
20 time.

21 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

22 I can't...

23 MR. RICE:

24 The only person that drowned was at the dam. There was a boy who
25 died of heat -- heat prostration in training in the '50s at the Gap.

1 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

2 I can't speak -- I can't speak for what happened before I got here.

3 MR. ROSSEY:

4 That needs to be public knowledge, right here and now. It must go
5 out. If you're going to do a press release, you must say, in there, that
6 nobody has ever in the history of Stony Creek Valley gotten hurt due
7 to unexploded ordnance. That must be said...

8 MR. RICE:

9 Before you spend the money.

10 MR. ROSSEY:

11 ...because -- before you spend the money.

12 MS. ANDERSON:

13 Okay, well, we're going to move forward and...

14 MR. ROSSEY:

15 That's fine.

16 MS. ANDERSON:

17 ...and we'll defer the minutes for now. Tonight's meeting is going to
18 be recorded by a Court reporter and the meeting minutes...

19 MR. ROSSEY:

20 Number one, did he get that?

21 MS. ANDERSON:

22 Yes he did, he got everything from the beginning.

23 MR. ROSSEY:

24 Did you get that, sir? Because, apparently, last time, I don't know,
25 some electrons weren't flowing or something. I don't know what was

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1 happening.

2 MS. ANDERSON:

3 So, the Court reporter will be recording the minutes for tonight's
4 meeting. This is a formal meeting, so there will be no draft meeting
5 minutes, for review, as we've done at previous meetings. Our
6 agenda for tonight is as follows: Rob Halla our new representative
7 from Army National Guard Directorate will give an overview of the
8 proposed plan process. John Gerhard and Ryan Steigerwalt from
9 Weston Solutions will present the proposed plan. Afterwards you
10 can ask any questions you have about the plan at that time. We also
11 have Emily Schiffmacher from Army Corps Support. If you have any
12 additional questions, she may be able to pipe in. Scott Bills is here
13 from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, also. After we are
14 through all those questions and answers about the plan, Rob Halla
15 will then go over the guidelines on how to submit your formal
16 comments on the plan.

17 I would like to remind everyone for the benefit of the Court
18 reporter to state your name when you are participating in the
19 question/answer sessions that follow each presentation, as well as
20 when giving a comment during the public comment section of this
21 meeting. When we get to the public comment section, I will ask each
22 one of you to step up and give your verbal comment to the Court
23 reporter. At that time no further presentation questions or comments
24 can be taken.

25 So, with that, I'll turn it over to you Rob.

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1 MR. HALLA:

2 I'm the new guy here. I'm just getting spun up on a lot of this. Kim
3 Harriz left -- nobody has asked the question, but Kim Harriz went to
4 go work for Bureau of Land of Management. She got a promotion
5 out of the deal, so she couldn't pass that up.

6 The reason why we're here is under CERCLA. I don't know if
7 that's been explained to you what CERCLA is. It's Comprehensive
8 Environmental Response, Compensation, Liabilities Act, which is just
9 one venue for getting environmental issues investigated and/or
10 cleaned up. The proposed plan, which is what everybody -- I believe
11 everybody here, at least, has either gotten now, or had in their hands
12 for two weeks now, is a -- the -- in our case, the Pennsylvania Army
13 National Guard and the National Guard -- Army National Guard's, it
14 lays out the -- what they discovered through investigation, and what
15 they have proposed to be the final remedy.

16 This particular meeting, here, in this whole process, is to fully
17 document and -- for posterity, and that's obviously, why we have a
18 Court reporter here -- comments pro, con, whatever it happens to be,
19 to be included in a decision document which is, in this case, a record
20 of decision, which all shareholders, to include the Pennsylvania
21 Game Commission, Army National Guard, have to sign off on, to
22 move forward with whatever that final decision is. So, this is like
23 you're -- I won't say it's your last chance to comment, but this is the
24 best chance to get something in concrete that goes in, with this
25 record of decision. Other than that, this is -- you know this is

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1 essentially the, I'm trying to think of the best way to put this, this
2 would be your best venue for voicing your opinions and your
3 comments and questions. Other than that, there's not really -- the
4 next piece after this will be going to the design of whatever the
5 ultimate remedy is.

6 So, do you have any questions about just why this particular
7 piece is in place? I'll certainly take any questions. If not, then I turn it
8 over to our experts.

9 MR. GERHARD:

10 Hi, my name is John Gerhard, from Weston Solutions. I'm the
11 deputy project manager for this project. I want to thank everyone for
12 coming out again. I see a lot of the usual faces out there, and
13 appreciate you guys taking involvement in this project.

14 So, we're here to present the proposed plan, next slide. The
15 proposed plan describes the various cleanup alternatives proposed
16 for the Ricochet Area site. It identifies the various alternatives. It
17 provides an opportunity for the public to provide comment on a
18 proposed cleanup alternative.

19 Many of you know the site very well. The figure we're showing
20 up on the projector screen is the Ricochet Area site is highlighted in
21 green. We have some of the topographic features on there, the
22 mountains on there, the watercourses. There's a difference the
23 green area is the MRS boundary and the yellow areas are where we
24 had higher probability of munitions and explosives of concern and
25 munitions debris items. The overall area, I believe, is 3,332 acres.

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1 The higher probability area is around 1,334 acres.

2 Next slide, so the goal of the proposed plan and all actions out
3 at the Ricochet Area is to reduce the explosive safety risk and to
4 ensure protection of human health, public safety and the
5 environment, protect land users like yourself and those working in it.
6 That would be the public access, you know, for hiking, fishing,
7 hunting, and also protect the Pennsylvania Game Commission
8 workers and contractors when they're doing activities out there.

9 So, the alternatives were developed in the feasibility study,
10 which was finalized in January of 2012. We had presented those
11 alternatives to this group in October in that open house setting. We
12 had the various alternatives laid out for you guys in a poster session.
13 We brought some of the posters back for this meeting. But the
14 feasibility study, basically, develops and analyzes proposed cleanup
15 alternatives versus a set criteria they're screened against. We
16 developed five cleanup alternatives that were evaluated. And Ryan
17 Steigerwalt is going to do a quick -- not a quick presentation, but a
18 summary of those alternatives to refresh everyone what was
19 presented in the proposed plan.

20 MR. STEIGERWALT:

21 These are the five alternatives that were developed as part of the
22 feasibility study, and these alternatives were developed based on
23 that cleanup objective that John mentioned a couple slides ago, and
24 then, further evaluated to determine the pros, the cons per some --
25 for the screening criteria that we'll discuss a little bit later. But the

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1 first alternative is a no action. Then, we have containment of
2 controls, surface removal of munitions with containment and controls.
3 Then, we have a focused surface removal, then full removal. So, we
4 have a whole host of different alternatives here, and we'll step
5 through each one in detail to discuss each alternative.

6 So, these are the evaluation criteria that I mentioned
7 previously, and I believe most of you saw them at the last meeting.
8 But each of these nine criteria is used to evaluate those alternatives
9 that we developed to figure out which ones are better and more
10 suitable to be implemented at the Ricochet Area MRS.

11 So, without going through all of them, you know, the really --
12 the top one, the first one, is of course, protection of human health
13 and the environment. That's -- that's top on the list. Then, we have
14 to make sure that the alternative is compliant with various
15 regulations, whether it's state or federal. Then, we want to make
16 sure that the alternative is really effective. If we do something, we
17 want to make sure that it's a long-term solution. We also want to
18 make sure that we're reducing contamination and reducing mobility.
19 We don't want people coming in contact with this contamination.
20 And, we also look at things like implementability. Is there vegetation
21 removal that's needed? Is there other complex situations that require
22 some thought or particular cost to implement the chosen remedial
23 alternative? And then, of course, the last criteria is state and
24 community acceptance, which gets evaluated after this meeting and
25 after your comments are submitted.

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1 So, alternative one is, again, no action. So, this is kind of like
2 the baseline comparison for the other alternatives. We wouldn't do
3 anything, so there wouldn't be an action to remove munitions or to
4 dispose or isolate. We wouldn't have signage or any indication about
5 the hazards that may be in the Ricochet Area. And the cost is
6 essentially zero, so we wouldn't do any action.

7 MR. ROSSEY:

8 Essentially, we've been living with that for the last 50 years. Am I
9 correct? There has been no action, everybody has been back there,
10 nobody has been hurt. Is that correct?

11 MR. STEIGERWALT:

12 Not under CERCLA, but that we're comparing these, or developing
13 these under probably would be correct, but..

14 MR. ROSSEY:

15 Okay.

16 MR. STEIGERWALT:

17 Alternative two, again, is containment and controls. So, these are
18 the signage, the communications that would be implemented for this
19 particular alternative. They may include brochures, fact sheets.
20 You've seen some of the signs previously that we had generated for
21 the project. And some of these containment and controls would also
22 include language in permits and contracts for employees or
23 contractors that are doing work in the MRS to make sure that they're
24 afforded an opportunity to provide protection or whatever is needed
25 for their work activities. You know, part of the containment controls

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1 may be awareness videos or other maybe Web-based applications
2 that would make folks aware of what's out there and what the
3 hazards are in the MRS. And this cost is approximately \$180,000.

4 Now, one of the bigger alternatives is alterative three. So,
5 that's surface removal of munitions with containment and controls.
6 So essentially, we would go out there -- or the contractor would go
7 out to the MRS, the entire 3,262 acre site and sweep the area with
8 magnetometers detecting potential munitions, investigating them,
9 and doing the disposal. So, you know, part of this is just focused on
10 the surface, so subsurface munitions wouldn't be investigated, they
11 would be left in place. Of course, there would necessarily -- we
12 would have to do some brush clearing to gain accessibility to the site
13 to make sure we get 100 percent coverage. And, again, this also
14 includes the containment and controls from alternative two to get the
15 awareness out there; the reporting, the brochures, the fact sheets.
16 And this is approximately \$16 million to complete for this particular
17 MRS. And this is the -- this MRS and the actual surface removal
18 area is in green, so again, that's the entire 3,200 acre site that would
19 undergo this particular cleanup.

20 MR. McMANUS:

21 I have a question on that.

22 MR. STEIGERWALT:

23 Yes sir.

24 MS. ANDERSON:

25 Could you state your name please?

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1 MR. McMANUS:

2 My name is James McManus, ex-Army, ex-National Guard, ex-
3 Korean veteran stationed here in '51, '52 and '53. Why do we have
4 to spend all that money when we don't know what's there? My
5 question is, you can take men with a lot less money and just mark
6 those with red, green or purple dyes when you walk around there and
7 I'll lay odds that your percentage of finding is less than one percent. I
8 shot at that mountain when I was here, and 99 percent of the
9 ammunitions that we were firing couldn't get over that mountain. Yet
10 there might be one tenth of one percent that did get over. And if you
11 look at your brochure of what you said there of how many pieces
12 you've found, it's very minimal, very minimal. And that's a ton of
13 money to spend on something that could be spent someplace else.

14 MR. STEIGERWALT:

15 Sure, sure, yeah, agreed. Yeah, so we did a remedial investigation,
16 previously, so we had identified areas.

17 MR. McMANUS:

18 I understand that, but just take your -- take your meter and take 25
19 men and comb that area and mark it, you know.

20 MR. STEIGERWALT:

21 Um-hum, yeah.

22 MR. McMANUS:

23 You don't have to go in there and do all this extra work and
24 everything else. And what you're finding is -- I'll bet you what you're
25 finding is 90 percent of it is Second World War munitions, because

1 we used to go over there and bivouac that area when I was here.
2 Did the National Guard say that to you? We'd go over there and we
3 were over there playing around. We were shooting dummy stuff
4 also. In other words, non-explosive.

5 MR. STEIGERWALT:

6 Yeah, I mean, you know, we generally had that same line of thinking
7 that you're having now, and I think alternative four describes that a
8 little bit. Next slide, please.

9 So, what we propose for cleanup alternative four is more of a
10 focused survey. So, we had this information from our remedial
11 investigation that told us where sort of the hot spots were that had
12 the higher percentage chance of encountering something out there.
13 So, what we want to do with this alternative is focus on those
14 particular areas, go out there and do a surface removal. But those
15 areas, based on the remedial investigation are approximately 1,334
16 acres, which is, you know, a third of that entire area. It's really just
17 focused on -- on those particular areas that are of concern. We also
18 want to include the herbaceous openings. So, you know, the Game
19 Commission keeps these areas open for food plots and the other
20 things, so we want to make sure that those are safe for the -- for the
21 workers there. So, we want to do a removal to instrument detection
22 depth to make sure everything is out of there for the work to
23 continue, the tilling and the -- we want to make sure it's safe for
24 future practices. And that would be 11 acres, you know. Of course,
25 there would be some brush clearing that would be needed to get

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1 access. And again, we'd want to add in containment and controls to
2 do the awareness, get the awareness out; the information brochures,
3 the fact sheets, and also provide opportunity to have construction
4 support out there if needed during the timber management exercises
5 or other support. So, this cost is substantially less than the entire
6 surface -- the entire MRS getting a subsurface clearance. This is a
7 \$6.7 million alternative versus the previous alternative three. So, this
8 is kind of the footprint of these particular areas where we would do
9 the surface clearance where there was that higher probability of
10 encountering munitions, and then, the subsurface removal at the
11 herbaceous openings, which is those 11 acre footprints.

12 MR. McKINNEY:

13 Excuse me.

14 MR. STEIGERWALT:

15 Yes?

16 MR. McKINNEY:

17 Josh McKinney, Allendale. Who comes up with those costs? That
18 might be mentioned in the past minutes, but I didn't see where -- my
19 review of the past minutes, I don't know where these guesstimates
20 are coming from.

21 MR. STEIGERWALT:

22 Yeah, yeah, that's part of the feasibility study. So, we would
23 essentially go through and cost out those options. I think it's a plus
24 15, minus 30. Or did I get that backwards, the cost?

25 MR. GERHARD:

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1 Plus 15 minus 30, I think.

2 MR. STEIGERWALT:

3 Yeah, so there's some -- of course, there's some percent error
4 involved with these. But, you know, we try to go through and, you
5 know, get the details in there as necessarily -- as necessary to get to
6 the requirements.

7 MR. McKINNEY:

8 Is it Weston's numbers? Or is it, you put the feasibility out to those
9 guys and then they come back and say what they think it's going to
10 cost?

11 MR. GERHARD:

12 That number is developed with the Army National Guard. Weston
13 developed it with the Army National Guard.

14 MR. McKINNEY:

15 I'll do it for half.

16 [Laughter]

17 MR. McKINNEY:

18 I mean, that's crazy.

19 MR. STEIGERWALT:

20 So, this is -- this certainly is the more in-depth alternative, cleanup
21 alternative five, which is a subsurface removal across the entire
22 3,200 acre MRS, you know. The guys would go across the entire
23 site with magnetometers, such as these, and sweep everything,
24 detect anomalies, intrusively investigate to determine the source to
25 see if it's munitions. And we would do the removal. We would do the

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1 detonation, if required. And, you know, again, we would need brush
2 clearing. We would need to -- we would add on containment and
3 controls. And this would be a \$24 million cost to complete this
4 particular alternative for the MRS. And this is, again, similar to
5 alternative three. This would be the entire MRS, where we would do
6 that -- that subsurface removal to instrument protection depth.

7 So, in the feasibility study, we summarize all these
8 alternatives. We evaluate them against those nine criteria I
9 mentioned before. So, when we did the comparison we looked at the
10 overall protectiveness, you know. For example, alternative five
11 would be the most protective, because we're doing a subsurface
12 removal across the entire MRS. But at the same time, it would
13 require additional vegetation clearance, we would need accessibility,
14 it would cost more, and ultimately, we may not -- you know we may
15 have the same effectiveness if we do alternative three or four. So,
16 we looked at alternative three and determined that, sure the
17 protectiveness is brief while we're working the surface clearance,
18 some of the subsurface munitions would be left in place, so it may
19 not be as protective as alternative five. But there would be less
20 vegetation, but there would be more cost than maybe alternative
21 four.

22 So, those are some of the scenarios that we ran through as
23 part of this evaluation. But at the end of the day we determined that
24 alternative four, the focus removal going into those areas that we
25 determined had the highest probability of encountering munitions and

1 doing a surface clearance, doing a subsurface clearance in the
2 herbaceous openings, those 11 acre footprints, would be the
3 preferred alternative for this particular site. And, you know,
4 obviously, after this meeting when the comments are submitted and
5 formulated, we would include those into our evaluation as well for
6 these alternatives for the MRS.

7 Again, the comment period runs through the 7th -- or the 6th,
8 sorry, July 6th. And again, those comments are used as part of the
9 evaluation, those final criteria that we have in place. And then,
10 finally, once we have the selected alternative, that would be
11 advertised and the next document you would see is the record of
12 decision which would include those -- that selected alternative, and
13 then, the final detailed description of the process to ensue in the
14 future.

15 MR. RICE:

16 Question, Jim Rice, now the objective of three, four, and five is to
17 clear the area so that nobody gets hurt. But, it also is to the
18 advantage of the Game Commission where you could timber the
19 area, right, correct, continue to cut a road across that north slope, the
20 Second Mountain. Is that not correct, that's future activity? In other
21 words, 6 million, 16, or \$24 million is spent to assist the Game
22 Commission in their timbering operations, too, future activities.

23 MR. GERHARD:

24 Yeah, what the Game Commission does out there that's -- we're not -
25 - we're trying to keep them safe while they're doing their activities.

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1 We're not trying to hinder them or prevent them.

2 MR. RICE:

3 There's no -- there's no collusion between the
4 Pennsylvania National Guard and the Game Commission?

5 MR. ROSSEY:

6 We'd like to have the minutes if you have meetings between the
7 National Guard and the Game Commission. Since, we are the
8 landowners, we would like it to be public.

9 MR. RICE:

10 Transparent.

11 MR. ROSSEY:

12 Transparent to the total public of meetings documented between you
13 and the Game Commission. I think that's fair. Do you? Does the
14 National Guard think that would be fair?

15 MS. ANDERSON:

16 I'm not aware of any...

17 MR. ROSSEY:

18 Meetings.

19 MS. ANDERSON:

20 ...meetings that they have.

21 MR. ROSSEY:

22 Okay, oaky, fine. Sorry, thank you.

23 MR. GERHARD:

24 I think one thing I'd like to point out there is, we did provide the TPP
25 minutes, for TPP minutes one, two and three. And those are the

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1 formal meetings that we have with PADEP, Pennsylvania
2 Department of Environmental Protection, and the Pennsylvania
3 Game Commission. So, those are on the Website.

4 MR. ROSSEY:

5 The DEP?

6 MR. GERHARD:

7 Yes, for this project. I can't speak to other...

8 MR. ROSSEY:

9 Right.

10 MR. GERHARD:

11 ...communications, but for this project.

12 MR. RICE:

13 Yeah, you had -- you had a meeting with the legislators -- PA
14 legislators. Who did you meet with, as far as the legislators go? You
15 briefed them on this.

16 MR. GERHARD:

17 Weston was not part of that briefing. I would defer to the Guard on
18 that.

19 MS. ANDERSON:

20 I don't think we put anything on our Website about that. You asked
21 for that before, right Jim?

22 MR. GERHARD:

23 Yeah, I think...

24 MR. RICE:

25 We don't have anybody. All you do is have a couple slides you put

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1 up and you said you showed people, but you have nothing about it.
2 Who have you showed them to, what not? Just curious, was it the
3 Fish and Game Committee, you know, somebody with the
4 Pennsylvania Legislature, you know? Just curious.

5 MS. ANDERSON:

6 We'll have to get back to you on that.

7 MR. RICE:

8 Okay.

9 MS. ANDERSON:

10 Our PAO handled that at the time, Lieutenant Colonel Cleaver.

11 MR. RICE:

12 Okay, thank you.

13 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

14 I want to say one thing. I'm Lieutenant Colonel Yearwood and I just
15 want to clear one thing about the game lands, okay? The Game
16 Commission owns the game lands and the land was paid for or
17 purchased by hunting licenses. It's owned -- the hunters, the
18 sportsmen own the game lands. And -- correct, Scott?

19 MR. BILLS:

20 We are entity of the Commonwealth, but that land was bought and
21 paid for by hunters' dollars through an excise tax on sporting good
22 sales through the Pittman-Robertson fund. It is not tax -- it's not
23 taxpayers' land, it is hunters' land, okay, first -- first and foremost and
24 that's how we manage it. That's why we have special regulations
25 when we do things on there. You can't go on that land during the

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1 hunting season without blaze orange on. You can go on DCNR's,
2 property or anything like that, no problem. So, we have certain
3 regulations and rules that govern our land. So, they're not -- they're
4 Commonwealth lands, but they're not. It's kind of a double-edged
5 kind of thing. But just so you understand that we don't like to refer to
6 it as taxpayers' land, because taxes were not used to pay for it,
7 okay?

8 MR. ROSSEY:

9 I understand what you're saying.

10 MR. BILLS:

11 I know you do.

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 Ed Rossey, okay? And -- so, if I buy a hunting license this year, the
14 land belongs to me, and if I don't buy a hunting license next year, the
15 land doesn't belong to me.

16 MR. BILLS:

17 Well, it doesn't belong. I mean...

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 I mean...

20 MR. BILLS:

21 It doesn't belong/belong to anybody, in a way. I mean, you can't go
22 out there and build a house on it. So...

23 MR. ROSSEY:

24 I can...

25 MR. BILLS:

1 You can build a house on land you belong.

2 MR. ROSSEY:

3 I can only tell you what I see with regards to, where I just came from
4 was Tioga State Forest.

5 MR. BILLS:

6 Yeah.

7 MR. ROSSEY:

8 The state forest lands now have no trespassing signs on them due to
9 the drilling, along with no guns.

10 MR. BILLS:

11 Well...

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 So, I mean, you know...

14 MR. BILLS:

15 That's pretty bizarre. I mean that's taxpayer land there. That is --
16 that is all our land.

17 MR. ROSSEY:

18 That's the truth.

19 MR. BILLS:

20 But the game lands isn't all our land.

21 MR. ROSSEY:

22 No trespassing. So it's a blatant theft of our land, you know.

23 MR. BILLS:

24 That's an entirely different matter. If you think I'm in favor of
25 Marcellus Shale, you're barking up the wrong tree.

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1 MR. ROSSEY:

2 No, I know you're not. I'm just saying...

3 MR. BILLS:

4 I'm just saying, let's start calling the game lands Game Commission
5 land, and not Commonwealth land, that's all. I'm just asking for that
6 because there is a difference.

7 MR. ROSSEY:

8 But if I am a licensed Pennsylvania hunter, the land essentially
9 belongs to who, me?

10 MR. BILLS:

11 You keep saying belongs to. I mean...

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 I mean, it's ours.

14 MR. BILLS:

15 Yeah, okay, I'll pat you on the back that year for helping pay for it and
16 helping support us. And the next year -- the next year if you don't
17 buy a license well, then, go to hell.

18 [Laughter]

19 MR. BILLS:

20 How's that?

21 MR. RICE:

22 H-e-I-I?

23 MR. BILLS:

24 I expect you know -- that's the kind of support -- we get support year
25 to year in hunting license. But it's already been bought and paid for.

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1 And anytime you buy a box of ammunition, a gun or anything like
2 that, there's an excise tax that goes to the Federal Government.

3 MR. ROSSEY:

4 Well, there we go then, I bought a box of ammunition. I'm not a
5 Pennsylvania licensed hunter, but I bought a box of ammunition,
6 which it was the federal law that it does belong to us.

7 MR. BILLS:

8 Okay, and so maybe the six cents we got -- maybe the six cents that
9 went into the federal program and got divided up among the 50
10 states...

11 MR. ROSSEY:

12 Still it's Pittman-Robertson land.

13 MR. BILLS:

14 ...why don't you put your big toe on the game lands then? Is that
15 what your argument is that you think you paid for the land because
16 you bought one box of ammunition? I'm just telling you where some
17 of this funding comes from.

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 It's -- you're saying it was bought and paid for with hunters' license,
20 yes, and the Pittman-Robertson money.

21 MR. BILLS:

22 And sporting goods money, that's right.

23 MR. ROSSEY:

24 And that's everybody.

25 MR. BILLS:

1 That's not everybody. That's not everybody.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 The Pittman-Robertson is not taxed.

4 MR. ROSSEY:

5 If you buy a box of ammunition, apparently, it's going to go to
6 Pittman-Robertson.

7 MR. BILLS:

8 The excise tax on it is...

9 MR. ROSSEY:

10 Yeah.

11 MR. BILLS:

12 ...but not everybody buys ammunition either.

13 MR. ROSSEY:

14 Not everybody.

15 MR. BILLS:

16 90 percent of the guys who buy ammunition are also licensed
17 hunters.

18 MS. ANDERSON:

19 Okay, can we move on a little here?

20 MR. ROSSEY:

21 Yeah, sorry.

22 MS. ANDERSON:

23 We're getting a little off track.

24 MR. ROSSEY:

25 Sorry.

1 MR. GERHARD:

2 There's a few more questions.

3 MR. ROSSEY:

4 Sorry.

5 MR. GERHARD:

6 This gentleman in the orange hat.

7 MR. COFFMAN:

8 Dennis Coffman. On all of them they had long-term effectiveness in
9 reference to education. And what -- when you say long-term, what
10 are we talking about?

11 MR. GERHARD:

12 Ryan, do you want to handle that?

13 MR. STEIGERWALT:

14 Yeah, yeah, so we want to make sure that if we do something, it's
15 going to be effective now, and in the future. So, we don't want to do
16 something that, you know, is just going to last for a year or a winter
17 or, you know, a short term. We want to make sure that the
18 alternative we select is going to be protective to human health and
19 environment long term.

20 MR. COFFMAN:

21 But on number four, it mentioned in case there is lumbering, or
22 something like that, whoever does this would be educating or
23 advising those who are timbering. I think that was on number four.

24 MR. GERHARD:

25 Yes, it was.

1 MR. COFFMAN:

2 But, I mean, it could be timbering a hundred years from now. Does
3 this go on for -- the amount of money you have listed there, does that
4 kind of go out like 25 years or a hundred years or...

5 MR. GERHARD:

6 The cost estimate was -- and the pricing that's presented here was
7 based on a 30-year period.

8 MR. COFFMAN:

9 Okay, thank you.

10 MR. GERHARD:

11 Josh, did you have another question?

12 MR. McKINNEY:

13 Yeah, alternative number four there. It says, again, about this
14 timbering management activities. Is the Game Commission
15 timbering on Second Mountain -- north side of Second Mountain
16 currently?

17 MR. BILLS:

18 Yes.

19 MR. GERHARD:

20 What I can say is they have -- there's timbering opportunities based
21 on assessments that they plan to...

22 MR. McKINNEY:

23 I live there. I see the logging trucks going by. I see the tracks going
24 back there. It ain't no secret.

25 MR. BILLS:

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1 No, towards -- to the east end of Stony Valley on the north slope we
2 are timbering.

3 MR. McKINNEY:

4 The east end though, but as soon as you cross that bridge and you
5 go up in there, you go to -- you go east towards this area...

6 MR. BILLS:

7 Yes.

8 MR. McKINNEY:

9 ...on this map right here. Is there any special concessions made for
10 those loggers going in there to protect them?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 They're not there yet.

13 MR. McKINNEY:

14 Well, I mean it's...

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 They're getting there.

17 MR. BILLS:

18 Well, that's something that can be looked at in the future is that is
19 there -- they've already timbered areas that were once in the impact
20 areas. But now that they know that these things are there...

21 MR. McKINNEY:

22 How did that go for them?

23 MR. BILLS:

24 What's that?

25 MR. McKINNEY:

1 How did that work out for them? Whenever they were in those areas
2 you're delineating...

3 MR. BILLS:

4 We've never had anybody injured either. It only takes one time.
5 Thanks to liability tort and lawyers and stuff, it only takes one time,
6 and we're not about to stand by and say don't do this because...

7 MR. McKINNEY:

8 So...

9 MR. BILLS:

10 ...because it's probably never going to happen. We can't afford to do
11 that.

12 MR. McKINNEY:

13 It takes one time for Tom Corbett to mess up my ground water, too,
14 you know. How do we protect ourselves from that? It takes one
15 meteor to fall on my head. I mean, am I supposed to walk around
16 with a tin foil hat and wear a safety harness in the shower because
17 that could happen every day. I could slip and die in there.

18 MR. BILLS:

19 I mean, actually they've been in here checking the game lands for
20 years doing this. Has it been intrusive? There hasn't been any
21 impact on anybody's usage. None.

22 MR. McKINNEY:

23 So, why spend \$6 million on it?

24 MR. BILLS:

25 It's not my money. I'm not spending the money. I'm just saying that

1 as the agency, as the land owner, I'm glad that they're coming in and
2 maybe removing some of this dangerous material, that's all. It's not
3 costing me a nickel.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

5 Well, then, whose money is it?

6 MR. McKINNEY:

7 Yeah, well, it's somebody's money.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

9 It's somebody's money.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 It's the taxpayers' money.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 It's our money.

14 MR. GERHARD:

15 For purposes of keeping the meeting organized, can we bring the
16 conversation back to formal questions that can be documented?

17 Thank you.

18 MR. McKINNEY:

19 None of that was documented?

20 MR. GERHARD:

21 No, that was documented, but I would like to have formal questions.

22 The formal questions -- guidelines for submitting...

23 MR. McKINNEY:

24 That was a formal question. It ain't my fault he's sitting in the back of
25 the room.

1 MR. HALLA:

2 Okay, well, we've already gotten into this quite a bit but -- and
3 everybody has been pretty much been playing by the rules. So, raise
4 the hand, you know. That will be the first order of business. State
5 your name, so that the Court reporter can get that taken care of
6 which you have been doing. If you have a name that's sort of hard --
7 that gets misspelled easily, just make sure you spell it out for him so
8 that he makes sure he gets it right. Once you've been recognized --
9 some things have been kind of, you know, said over and over again.
10 Just try to stay focused on the plan itself, what we have here. And
11 we understand you're very passionate about a lot of things, but we're
12 trying to just get this answered right now. Try to keep them brief. I
13 understand that, you know, some things you can't just be very brief,
14 because it might not come out right but, you know, be concise. Try
15 to be as brief as you can so that it gets entered in, and everybody
16 knows what the question is, and what you know -- what the question
17 or the comment is, so it can be answered correctly. Try to keep from
18 going across at each other and starting your own conversations, this
19 way that the Court reporter is never going to be able to keep up with,
20 and it sort of can take you in all directions, which we've already had
21 here a little bit. But try to keep that to a minimum if you can. If you
22 have brought comments that you have written yourself and you're
23 going to just read your comments, if you have an extra copy, can you
24 please provide it to the Court reporter? Also, if you've brought
25 comments, but you just don't feel like you want to get up in the

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1 middle of, you know, a hot bed of a conversation, we can certainly
2 take those, and we'll get those to the Court reporter, so they get
3 entered into the official log of comments.

4 Once this session is over, there's still a two-week period to
5 have your handwritten -- your comments, as you want them logged
6 in/presented, they can be sent to Jo, here. They have to be -- like I
7 said, it has to be emailed or postdated by midnight on June -- or July
8 6th. Again, keep them to the plan and all the alternatives, you know.
9 Focus on the preferred alternative, but also, if you have other -- if you
10 have comments on the other ones, we'll certainly accept those. And
11 try to keep them brief and focused. Now, once we get to the end of
12 this, after July 6th, that's when a responsiveness summary will be put
13 together. That will be used as part of that decision document, that
14 ROD that we were talking about. It will be part of that. Once we
15 have all this together the Guard, in cooperation with the Game
16 Commission, and PADEP will have sort of a working group that will
17 take all the comments, and then, apply them to the preferred
18 alternative, as well as they can be. Let me make sure I got myself
19 right here. And that's all going to be done before the final remedy is
20 actually, you know, set in concrete.

21 You know once we've looked at these things, they may decide
22 to modify alternative four, based on these comments, or possibly
23 move to one of the other alternatives. Once that's done, this piece is
24 done, an announcement will be put in the local papers regarding
25 what the final decision is. And then, the actual decision document

1 will be placed in the Annville Free Library as part of the
2 administrative record.

3 So, do you have any questions about how that little piece is
4 going to work? If not, Jo I believe you're up.

5 MS. ANDERSON:

6 All right, ready for the first comment, please state your name and say
7 your comment.

8 MR. COFFMAN:

9 I had another question.

10 MS. ANDERSON:

11 Oh.

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 Yeah.

14 MR. COFFMAN:

15 Can I ask another question?

16 MR. ROSSEY:

17 Are we off the questions?

18 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

19 They still have some questions, and I think the questions need to be
20 answered. We're trying the best we can to answer your questions.

21 MS. ANDERSON:

22 Yeah.

23 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

24 So, I do support that. I think we need, the best we can, answer the
25 questions, okay? And, I will say one thing, okay? I know many of

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1 you don't agree with going out there spending the money on finding
2 UXOs, okay, that may or may not be there. But I do know for a fact
3 that there are some UXOs out there. And nothing may never
4 happen. Nothing's happened in 50 years, but we can't guarantee
5 that something won't happen tomorrow.

6 An example I have is Storm King State Park, right outside of
7 West Point. And when this all started, I did a little research on this
8 whole program, and for a 150 years guys were shooting an impact
9 area at West Point, and some rounds went over the mountain, just
10 like you, and nothing ever happened for 150 years, until there was a
11 fire. Firefighters go out there to fight the fire and them rounds were
12 detonated. Now, no one got hurt, but the potential was there for
13 somebody to get hurt or injured or killed. People take munitions
14 home. Not just recently, a few years ago someone picked up a Civil
15 War cannonball off a battlefield, took it home, drilled a hole in it, and
16 it detonated and killed the guy.

17 So, we are trying to protect you guys. I know you don't agree
18 with that, but we're trying to protect the lives of somebody picking
19 stuff up. A fire out there, somebody tries to fight the fire, there is a
20 potential danger there. And like I said, it may never happen. It may
21 never, ever happen. But, your life is important to me and to the
22 United States Army. I'm sorry, but it is important to us, your safety.
23 And, you know, for years, you know, back in the day, you know, the
24 safety didn't seem important because they shouldn't have been
25 putting rounds over there.

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1 The United States Army, when they were managing Fort
2 Indiantown Gap put it in the regulations, why they did this I have no
3 idea, that State Game Land 211 was a Ricochet Area, the most
4 ridiculous thing I've ever seen written in a book, because it was never
5 coordinated, it was still open to the public. Silly things happen, okay?
6 I can't -- I can't explain why they did that. I don't know why they did
7 that, but it happens. There's munitions out there, and I think we need
8 to take the proper precautions to ensure that no one takes it home,
9 and that if a fire starts out there, we don't detonate anything out
10 there. It's important to me, it's important to us that we take care of
11 you. We have done our very best to manage Fort Indiantown Gap
12 since 1998, to ensure the safety of everybody who goes out there
13 and goes to Fort Indiantown Gap. I know many don't agree with
14 things we do, but we're trying to do our very best. We're trying to
15 answer the questions, trying to do this right so we get your input,
16 okay, and -- because it is important.

17 So, that's all I'll say about that. We are really doing this
18 because it's in the best interest of the public to do that. So, I won't
19 say anything more. And, we do need to answer their questions the
20 best we can.

21 MR. COFFMAN:

22 Dennis Coffman, and my question fits in with what was just said,
23 liability. If something did happen, where's the liability lie? Since it's
24 State Game Lands and Gap lands what -- where's the liability for
25 this? If somebody's injured, what -- who...

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1 MR. GERHARD:

2 Well, this -- the particular property that we're talking about is not
3 Army National -- it's not Pennsylvania Army National Guard owned
4 lands. This is State Game Lands.

5 MR. COFFMAN:

6 Okay.

7 MR. BILLS:

8 So, we talked to our General Counsel and he told us that it depends
9 on what the lawyers -- who the lawyers decide to sue in this person's
10 behalf. Certainly, we would be named in the lawsuit as the
11 landowner. So partial -- partial at fault, all at fault, we don't know
12 that, but we certainly would be expected to be named in the law suit.

13 MR. COFFMAN:

14 So, the second part of that question is, if you go with, say the most
15 expensive, the most extensive one, does that remove some of the
16 liability from the State Game Lands?

17 MR. BILLS:

18 We think it does, if we made an honest effort to remove it, yeah.

19 MR. COFFMAN:

20 So, now I'll make my first comment, unless other people have
21 questions.

22 MS. ANDERSON:

23 Let's see if there's any more questions before we get to the
24 comments.

25 MR. ROSSEY:

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1 Ed Rossey. All right, given the fact that the rest of the meetings
2 there was no way possible to clean up every shell that's in there, is
3 that a correct statement?

4 MR. HALLA:

5 There's no way -- a correct statement.

6 MR. ROSSEY:

7 Okay. Is the Game Commission willing to give Stony Creek Valley
8 up to Fort Indiantown Gap with the statement that Mr. Bills just said
9 with, "It only takes one"? Is the Game Commission willing to just give
10 it away because "it only takes one", on that -- based on that
11 statement alone, and given the fact that it will never get all the shells
12 out of there, is the Game Commission willing to just say, "Here
13 Colonel Yearwood, here's some more land?"

14 MR. BILLS:

15 No, we're not willing to give it up. If they walked away -- if they
16 walked away today, and said, we're not going to do anything, we'd
17 still retain the land.

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 Okay.

20 MR. BILLS:

21 Okay.

22 MR. ROSSEY:

23 I'm not trying to argue with you. We just want to see the Valley
24 saved, sir. That's all we want to see.

25 MR. BILLS:

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1 You do? Believe me, when this first all started years and years
2 ago...

3 MR. ROSSEY:

4 Sorry.

5 MR. BILLS:

6 ...when some of this started, there was -- there was an interest to
7 take like a bunch of land from us. And we were totally not -- we
8 weren't -- we weren't going to allow that to happen. No way were we
9 going to allow that to happen. And we still have that -- we still have
10 that same stance. I mean, that land is ours and it was paid for by
11 hunters' dollars. We don't plan to give it to anybody.

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 Okay. But, do you understand our point of view is...

14 MR. BILLS:

15 I don't.

16 MR. ROSSEY:

17 Our point of view is given the fact that you'll never ever get that -- the
18 shells out of there, it will never...

19 MR. BILLS:

20 But you've got to make an honest effort and you -- okay look at it this
21 way.

22 MR. ROSSEY:

23 I don't have a problem with that.

24 MR. BILLS:

25 Here's a haystack, right, and I'm sitting over here and I told you I just

1 put a needle in that haystack, and I tell you to go find that needle in
2 the haystack. Now, where are you going to look for that needle in
3 that haystack, on the other side of it? No, you're going to look where
4 you think I might have thrown it, right, and you're going to pay
5 particular attention to that area right there, and you might comb some
6 of the other parts of that haystack, but -- and you may never come up
7 with the needle. But nonetheless, you made an honest, good effort
8 at it. And that's all -- that's all we're asking.

9 MR. ROSSEY:

10 That's fine. It's just my opinion. That's fine with me. I don't care if
11 you spend a billion dollars there. Just get -- go in, do your work, to
12 the -- for who ever, and just leave. We've been there for 50 -- my
13 point is, is we've been there for 50 years and no one has ever gotten
14 hurt. And everybody is not -- yeah, I understand your point that you
15 don't want anybody to get hurt, I don't want anybody to get hurt, but
16 you have to take that into consideration. And you're not.

17 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

18 I disagree, in that, the alternatives are looking at all -- all the different
19 ways to look for UXOs. Now, we can go in there and look -- find
20 everything but the...

21 MR. ROSSEY:

22 Go ahead.

23 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

24 We do know that certain areas did have munitions and/or hot spots.
25 We can't ignore that, okay? So, the approach they took is, with all

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1 the criteria they used, okay, the least intrusive way to do this and to
2 ensure that we look for the area -- in the areas that we did find
3 munitions, that the least expensive, least intrusive way is to spend --
4 the one alternative, I think, was -- what was the preferred alternative?

5 MR. GERHARD:

6 Four.

7 LIEUTENANT COLONAL YEARWOOD:

8 Four, okay. That's -- based on our criteria, that's the least intrusive,
9 best way to ensure that we make the best effort to find the UXOs,
10 okay, without disturbing the land, okay? Because, we honestly
11 believe, you know, support you, that this is, you know, a piece of
12 ground we want to save. I believe that along with you.

13 MR. ROSSEY:

14 But Colonel, we haven't -- forget it, forget it, I'm sorry.

15 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

16 It's frustrating.

17 MR. ROSSEY:

18 It's been -- it's been brought up before that they wanted to strengthen
19 the Stony Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and apparently, maybe
20 not you, but the adjutant general at the Gap would not go along with
21 that. Why -- if you want to protect the wilderness area, just come out
22 and show us a letter or something, saying that we will preserve this
23 to the hilt, you know. That's all we're asking for.

24 MR. BILLS:

25 They're not going to do that, because it's not their land. We're not

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1 about to sell it.

2 MR. ROSSEY:

3 Okay, I just -- all right that's it, I'm done. Thank you.

4 MS. ANDERSON:

5 Can we take your question Larry?

6 MR. HERR:

7 Larry Herr, I'm a veteran who spent 39 months overseas in the '60s,
8 and retired from DOD after 23 years after that. If you go to
9 alternative five and do your best cleanup you can do, will that release
10 the Game Commission? Would the responsibility then fall back on
11 the Gap, because now you're saying it's clear? And I know you're
12 not a lawyer, I'm just -- I'm just curious, your opinion.

13 MR. HALLA:

14 There will never be a hundred percent release of liability, no.

15 MR. HERR

16 But, if you would say that it's clear, would the onus, then, be on you,
17 if somebody did get hurt?

18 MR. HALLA:

19 That I can -- there's still going to be joint liability. There's no way to
20 get around it. What this is trying to do is make it the least amount
21 possible. You'll never get a, never say it's 100 percent.

22 MR. HERR:

23 I understand that. I just want the liability off the Game Commission.
24 That's what I'm after. They didn't put it there either.

25 MR. HALLA:

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1 I can't tell you what the liability would break out like. That I couldn't
2 tell you.

3 MR. HERR:

4 I'm aware of that. I just wanted your opinion.

5 MR. HALLA:

6 Yeah, I could not tell you what -- the Guard would still be on the
7 hook. They are going to be on the hook no matter -- the Army, in
8 general, will be on the hook.

9 MS. ANDERSON:

10 Jim?

11 MR. RICE:

12 I have a question for Mr. Bills.

13 MR. BILLS:

14 Yes sir.

15 MR. RICE:

16 Now, you've been quoted in several newspaper articles since this
17 started in 2004. Let me read a little bit here.

18 MR. BILLS:

19 Okay.

20 MR. RICE:

21 "Scott Bills, Land Management Supervisor, says in the twice last year
22 or so has been patrolling on the rail trail, and had shells whistle
23 overhead and crash through the branches, and he says unexploded
24 ordnance has been found a couple of times in the last couple years,
25 and demolition teams had been sent into the game lands to explode

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1 it." 2004, right. You were part of the negotiations for this land swap,
2 right? You sat in on it, the article says, Scott Bills says that he's
3 been involved in the negotiations and, "At one time they," meaning
4 the Gap, "mentioned some kind of -- mentioned that some of the land
5 could be condemned because of unexploded ordnance. That kind of
6 put us on our heels." When the negotiations first started, they
7 already told you up front, we can't...

8 MR. BILLS:

9 But that's in the south basin slope, basically, I mean, or the actual
10 north facing slope.

11 MR. RICE:

12 Right, why can't we have any of those materials from those
13 meetings? Why can't we see some of that conversation between the
14 Gap and two state agencies?

15 MR. BILLS:

16 Well, I mean, you know, I don't think that's only because -- maybe
17 there's not a record.

18 MR. RICE:

19 No, no, I'm just asking you, that's all.

20 MR. BILLS:

21 And I'm not even sure was that -- you're quoting me. Was that the
22 newspaper or was that...

23 MR. RICE:

24 Yeah, you're in the newspaper quite a bit. I do a lot of history.

25 MR. BILLS:

1 I've been here for 31 years so, you know.

2 MR. RICE:

3 I know, but you're quoted quite a bit. I've got quite a few quotes on
4 you.

5 MR. BILLS:

6 But I was involved with...

7 MR. RICE:

8 You were driving down the rail trail and the shells came in.

9 MR. BILLS:

10 Yes, twice, twice that happened to me. And, you know, back then,
11 they started testing for projectiles coming over and the 50 cal...

12 MR. RICE:

13 That was off the tank range that they...

14 MR. BILLS:

15 Yeah, I mean, that stuff -- I mean, this stuff was happening.

16 MR. RICE:

17 The dummy rounds off the tank range.

18 MR. BILLS:

19 Yeah, stuff was happening

20 MR. RICE:

21 The 105's.

22 MR. BILLS:

23 Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

25 The dummies.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

2 Dummies.

3 MR. RICE:

4 Dummy, right.

5 MR. BILLS:

6 Well it's a dummy round but when it strikes you in the head

7 it's not so dumb, you know.

8 MR. RICE:

9 We're going to clean up the dummy rounds, okay.

10 MR. ANDERSON:

11 A question in the back.

12 MR. SHOOP:

13 I have a question, Paul Shoop. My question is, don't we stand a
14 greater chance of an accident happening with the activities they're
15 doing out there right now than these unexploded ordnances?

16 They've shot up a public school. They've dropped ordnances right
17 on the old railroad bed. They dropped pallets of water on a trailer
18 park, claimed it was because of the wind and there was zero wind
19 that day, because my nephew and I were sitting right on the top of
20 Second Mountain eating our lunch, saw the transport plane. We
21 couldn't see that drop, but they claimed there was wind that caused
22 that to go off course, which an out and out lie. My question is, don't
23 we stand a greater chance of something happening because of their
24 activities now than what unexploded ordnances do?

25 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

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1 I can't speak for the Air National Guard or the United States Air
2 Force, I can speak for the ground operations at Fort Indiantown Gap.
3 And, as far as I know nothing has left Fort Indiantown Gap since we
4 took over management of Fort Indiantown Gap. We've closed all the
5 ranges that had any potential sending munitions into the State Game
6 Lands. We do extensive analysis of our rounds; doing computer
7 modeling through Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, and to ensure
8 that we have no escapements of our projectiles at Fort Indiantown
9 Gap. So, we know that with the ranges that we have today and with
10 the best scientific and technology that we have at the Department of
11 Defense that we believe that there's no rounds leaving Fort
12 Indiantown Gap. But I can't speak for the United States Air Force
13 and the incident involving them and the Air National Guard. They
14 have had pilot errors. Yes sir?

15 MR. RICE:

16 Sir, Jim Rice, again. Colonel Yearwood, I think it's 2005, I don't
17 know check me on that date, Tenth Mountain came down from New
18 York, night firing. You zipped them over the mountain into the Valley,
19 2005, dummy rounds, Howitzer. Night firing, you announced it in the
20 paper you were going to night fire. January 2005, was it?

21 MR. HERR:

22 I thought it was '07, but you're probably right.

23 MR. RICE:

24 2007 perhaps, maybe, I don't know, I have to check my notes. I'm
25 getting old. But you did zip them over into the Valley, okay, night

1 firing, poor supervision. But they were dummy rounds.

2 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

3 They -- I know we did have the Tenth Mountain Division here, field
4 artillery battalions here. The safety net that they were using had it
5 within Fort Indiantown Gap. Unfortunately, you know, if there's errors
6 on the guns -- if there's an error on the gun, they can potentially
7 launch a round someplace where it's not supposed to go
8 unbeknownst to us. So -- but with ricochets, you know, with the
9 weapons that we have ricochets, yes sir. So, I understand that. If
10 there's an error on the gun line for artillery piece, it could potentially
11 leave Fort Indiantown Gap, okay? Ricochets...

12 MR. RICE:

13 But, it's not MEC.

14 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

15 No -- well, it's the -- if I believe what happened there, that they were
16 flying illumination rounds. With an illumination round it's -- the
17 projectile is empty and there's a...

18 MR. SHAVER:

19 There's a cable on it with a parachute.

20 MR. RICE:

21 No, no, this was no parachute.

22 MR. SHAVER:

23 Illuminating canisters.

24 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

25 With the projectiles -- the -- what happens with an illumination round,

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1 the illumination canister is inside the projectile. As it's flying through
2 the air, it comes out and the projectile continues to fly. And the
3 illumination canister will pop a parachute and will illuminate the area
4 and drop down. So, some guys will not plan it correctly, where the
5 canister is supposed to land because -- I'm a field artillery officer, and
6 you're supposed to plan for where the canister is going to land, the
7 projectile. You're supposed to plan the entire round of the projectile,
8 and ensure that the projectile lands in the impact area. They do
9 make errors and don't calculate correctly for where the projectile is
10 going to land, they calculate where they want the illumination to go,
11 but not the projectile. That I can't influence. If there's an error on
12 there, then it can cause that to happen, okay? That has happened in
13 other installations. We do our very best to ensure the safety on the
14 guns lines, but I can't, you know -- sometimes it happens. We do our
15 very best to prevent that, you know. But, for the weapons -- the
16 ranges and the direct fire weapons, machineguns, and pistols, we do
17 everything we can to ensure all of the ricochets stay on post. Range
18 27, the tank range that we had that we closed down, most of the
19 rounds were ricocheting over into the State Game Lands with
20 ricochets. And they didn't have -- they didn't do the ricochet analysis,
21 and now we do, where we do an analysis for every new range to
22 ensure that the rounds stay on post. So, we do do our best to ensure
23 that the rounds stay on post.

24 Yes sir?

25 MR. ROSSEY:

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1 I just want to know when will this all be over, when your cleanup and
2 what are we looking at here? What year? Is it going to be done next
3 year, and then you guys are going to move onto your next project or
4 -- the cleanup?

5 MR. HALLA:

6 I have no -- Jo, you might know better than me actually. I don't know.

7 MR. ROSSEY:

8 How long is this going to take, years?

9 MS. ANDERSON:

10 Yes.

11 MR. ROSSEY:

12 Yes?

13 MS. ANDERSON:

14 Until we get through the formal process with the remedial --we have
15 to get a remedial design.

16 MR. ROSSEY:

17 Years?

18 MS. ANDERSON:

19 Then, the actual physical work.

20 MR. ROSSEY:

21 Where do you plan on staging this? Where's your staging area going
22 to be?

23 MS. ANDERSON:

24 Oh, we have no idea. We don't -- we're not there yet. That's -- that's
25 a whole plan that's got to be written. It has to be contracted out and

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1 it has to be written. We don't know what path we're taking.

2 MR. ROSSEY:

3 I think I know.

4 MS. ANDERSON:

5 Sure.

6 MR. ROSSEY:

7 I just -- I was on the phone with the forester for the Game
8 Commission, and he claims that it will be at the new bridge.

9 MR. BILLS:

10 What about my new bridge?

11 MR. ROSSEY:

12 Not your new bridge, the people's new bridge.

13 MR. BILLS:

14 No, my new bridge.

15 MR. ROSSEY:

16 Okay, yeah, you're a licensed hunter. Is that the new bridge where
17 they're logging out now?

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 Apparently -- he told me the staging area is going to be right there.

20 MR. BILLS:

21 Who would have told you that?

22 MR. ROSSEY:

23 The forester for the Game Commission, down in Reading. I was just
24 up there on my bicycle, a nice snapping turtle up there, nice raccoon,
25 flew up a tree, nobody around. The best wilderness I never -- I'll tell

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1 you what, Stony is better than Tioga County is anymore. That's how
2 ruined it is from Marcellus Shale drilling. That's how upsetting it is.

3 MR. BILLS:

4 He misspoke. There's no way anybody knows where any staging
5 area where would be.

6 MR. ROSSEY:

7 I asked him. He goes -- I said...

8 MR. BILLS:

9 He's not running -- he's not running the show, so it doesn't matter.

10 MR. ROSSEY:

11 Okay, all right, well then I'll just -- okay, fine, fine, sorry. So, this is
12 going to take years?

13 What? Oh my God, how many years? You know I'm going to tell
14 you something. I went up to Tioga County, came back home, no
15 trespassing signs on the Tioga State...

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 Let's stay focused on what we're doing here.

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 I am, I am.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 We're not talking about Tioga County.

22 MR. ROSSEY:

23 Years, years. So, I called my Representative Ron Marsico, asked
24 him to call DCNR and ask them how many years does that -- what
25 does that mean. And they said many, many years before those

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1 trespassing signs come down. So, I mean, apparently you guys are
2 only going to really work after hunting season, like in
3 January/February?

4 MR. GERHARD:

5 A lot of those logistics have to be worked out in the remedial design
6 phase that Jo referenced earlier. John or Ed, I wish -- I wish we
7 could give you a timeframe.

8 MR. ROSSEY:

9 It doesn't matter what you call me.

10 MR. GERHARD:

11 Unfortunately, we don't know which alternative that's going to be
12 implemented yet.

13 MR. ROSSEY:

14 Okay.

15 MR. GERHARD:

16 And we don't know the availability of funding for that alternative.

17 MR. ROSSEY:

18 Is it possible -- is it possible you'll still just take no action, do your
19 little signs, and that's it? Is that possible?

20 MR. GERHARD:

21 I can say if that's...

22 MR. ROSSEY:

23 Given the fact that nobody has gotten hurt back there, but I don't --
24 you can spend a billion dollars. If that satisfies the Game
25 Commission and keeps it open to the public hunting, fine with me.

1 MR. McKINNEY:

2 How is that going to keep it open to the public if you're going to be up
3 there working? That means that land is going to be closed to hunters
4 until the project is complete, am I correct?

5 MS. ANDERSON:

6 No sir. Yeah, go ahead and answer.

7 MR. GERHARD:

8 We didn't close it when we were doing our investigative work. It
9 won't be closed when we're doing the removal work if -- whatever
10 contractor gets that work, it will be coordinated in such a fashion that
11 there will be areas, temporarily, where you can't be in the exclusion
12 zone or safety zone for your own protection, of what work we're
13 doing. But those will only be for a certain period of time as they're
14 working through an area.

15 MS. ANDERSON:

16 And also, with the investigation that we did we worked around the
17 hunting season schedule.

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 Commendable.

20 MR. BILLS:

21 The Game Commission is very adamant about not allowing any kind
22 of construction upon game lands in certain periods. We have -- we
23 have certain periods, most of it's from October 1st until the end of the
24 rifled deer season, where you cannot be in the game lands doing any
25 of that kind of work. And opening day is Saturday. So, we have a

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1 long list of no work days and we adhere to them.

2 MR. FETTERHOFF:

3 Except for one contractor on top of Stony Mountain, the flats up
4 there, there's a place where helicopters can land 24/7.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 365.

7 MR. FETTERHOFF:

8 Yep, I've been up there trying to hunt and...

9 MR. BILLS:

10 That's not construction or anything like that. That's -- that's an
11 agreement we have with the Air National Guard.

12 MR. FETTERHOFF:

13 Yeah, but it's bothering us hunters.

14 MR. BILLS:

15 I don't see you guys out there very often.

16 MR. SHOOP:

17 But it's not only that site that it isn't contracted. They're doing it other
18 game land sites and ...

19 MR. BILLS:

20 And there are -- there are actually guidelines they can't land on --
21 there's only three LZs that are allowed to actually land on, set down
22 on. And the other ones they're not allowed to visit after October 15th.
23 It's written in the agreement. So, if that ever happens and you think
24 you have a complaint, take the number off the chopper and let me
25 know.

1 MR. SHOOP:

2 Some of them choppers do not have any numbers on to identify
3 them, whatsoever, because we've looked. And if you're identifying...

4 MR. BILLS:

5 That I can't help. I mean...

6 MR. SHOOP:

7 We were identifying the pilots by people that were working out at the
8 Gap and were there and identified the pilots of the choppers and get
9 them to stop chasing the game around the field, including the
10 [inaudible]. And that's a fact.

11 MS. ANDERSON:

12 Okay, anything else related to this project? Yes sir.

13 MR. McKINNEY:

14 Josh McKinney. I'm going to sort of redig back up what Ed said, that
15 you've been at this for years. You say you're going to be at this for
16 years, so we're here to stay .

17 And I kind of -- I have to refute what Mr. Bills said, that the
18 Game Commission -- the Game Commission might not have wanted
19 the land -- give away the land to the swap. I mean, we've heard him
20 say it's a useless hunk of stone over there that you would much
21 rather trade off for other property.

22 MR. BILLS:

23 For -- for much nicer property on the same game lands.

24 MR. McKINNEY:

25 Right, but...

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1 MR. BILLS:

2 Like a six to one. Again...

3 MR. McKINNEY:

4 You said, earlier, the Game Commission was against a swap, but
5 there you are saying...

6 MR. BILLS:

7 Not if we can get 8,000 acres for 1,300 a rock. We're not idiots.

8 MR. McKINNEY:

9 So if the right -- if the right monkey comes along with a ripe bunch of
10 bananas -- okay, all right.

11 MR. BILLS:

12 That was a big bunch of bananas.

13 MR. McKINNEY:

14 And then also, Lieutenant Colonel, you know, like I said we've been
15 at this for years, and this is the first time I've seen you. I missed the
16 last meeting. If you were given the opportunity -- because we're
17 talking one millionth -- one bizzillionth of a chance of something
18 happening here, what if that one billionth of a chance was for you to
19 get Stony Valley to extend out your base, would you take that bunch
20 of bananas? Because previous -- previous commanding officers out
21 there said they wouldn't. But then, I don't know, they're down in
22 Georgia or Costa Rica, somewhere, now that they're retired and so
23 I'm just wondering. But right now, you're in your post what's your
24 stance on that?

25 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

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1 Right now, we have no interest -- right now, we have no interest in
2 State Game Lands 211.

3 MR. McKINNEY:

4 If they lay it down on your lap right there, you would say, "No, that's
5 not...

6 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

7 No, we have no interest in taking on SGL 211 today.

8 MR. McKINNEY:

9 Okay, thank you.

10 MS. ANDERSON:

11 Anyone else? All right, let's -- let's start the formal comments. Who
12 would like to go first? State your name please and -- go ahead,
13 Larry, state your name, and...

14 MR. HERR:

15 Larry Herr. I was feeling a lot better Colonel, and I don't want to pick
16 on you tonight.

17 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

18 I appreciate that, thank you.

19 MR. HERR:

20 But in your quote here, "Military munitions are present in the Ricochet
21 MRS as the result of a historical training activity conducted by the
22 Army." You were leading on like the National Guard has not put any
23 rounds in there which I think is...

24 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

25 All components are the Army, okay? When I say the Army, the Army

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1 in general, because the Reserves come here, the National Guard
2 comes here and trains, and it's until 1998. I can't speak what
3 happened before 1998. I wasn't here.

4 MR. HERR:

5 Okay, I'd just feel better if we'd be more straightforward.

6 Also, on the second page here, when you did the EA, there
7 was no water on the land that you wanted to swap for. In fact, the
8 EA come out and said there's no -- there's no water at all on that
9 land. And now, here, it says it is -- wetland areas are interspersed
10 along with many seeps and springs located throughout the MRS
11 along the Stony Creek stream corridor. Now here again, you're not
12 being exactly factual. Other than that...

13 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

14 Which EA are you referring to sir?

15 MS. ANDERSON:

16 Yeah, which?

17 MR. HERR:

18 The EA that you did after the -- what was the other one, the EIS ,
19 when you decided that the -- when the MPTR was designed, and
20 then you come back and said nothing is going to go off the Gap. And
21 then you come back and said, it is going to go off the Gap, so now
22 we need a buffer zone when you did this EA did a total EIS on it.
23 So, somehow in those ten years we had two million years of
24 evolution happen. We got seeps and springs and wetlands. But --
25 and a swamp.

1 MR. GERHARD:

2 Jo, did the MPTR Range -- I don't believe the MPTR Range
3 overlapped with this area. I'm not -- I'm not -- I don't know the MPTR
4 Project.

5 MR. RICE:

6 Yes, it goes down to within a 165 meters, feet, whatever it was from
7 the creek.

8 MR. HERR:

9 But nevertheless, my...

10 MR. RICE:

11 The SDZ for their tank range.

12 MR. HERR:

13 ...my comment would be if -- if -- to go with number five, because I
14 don't want anything to happen to that land. If I go out and got my
15 truck wrecked, you know, I wouldn't get out of the truck and say,
16 okay, just replace two fenders and I'm happy. I'd want the truck back
17 to the original form. And I think that's what we should go for here,
18 thank you.

19 MS. ANDERSON:

20 Thank you for your comment. Who would like to go next? Yes, sir?

21 MR. SAMSEL:

22 My name is Lewis Samsel. I reside in Harrisburg, Dauphin County,
23 Pennsylvania. I am an Army veteran and a retired engineering
24 economist. I'm a member of Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers, Trout
25 Unlimited and Susquehannock Fly Fishers. And I fish Stony Creek

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1 on State Game Land 211, frequently. I've attended the majority of
2 the scheduled community interest group meetings and listened to the
3 presentations. I have reviewed all the material handed out at the
4 meetings and/or posted on the public website, including the work
5 plan and the final remedial investigations report. My opinion is that
6 the work plan and the final remedial investigation report were
7 planned and executed in a professional manner and that sound
8 scientific and statistical methods were used throughout. My further
9 opinion is that the recommendations contained in the feasibility study
10 and the final remedial investigation report should be adopted in their
11 entirety to include cleanup alternative number four. Cleanup
12 alternative number four provides the most reasonable approach to
13 removing unexploded ordnance while keeping costs to a minimum.

14 MS. ANDERSON:

15 Thank you for your comment. Can I have the next commenter,
16 please?

17 MR. RICE:

18 I just have two comments on your presentation. Jim Rice.

19 First of all, Weston, if you read your report, you lead the
20 reader to believe that the one 155 millimeter HE round was found in
21 the game lands. It was not. It was found on Gap property. It was
22 the like the second day you guys were up there. You drove up the
23 top with the surveyor. Holly cow, there's a 155 millimeter round
24 laying there. Look at the field report, it's in there. But, as you look in
25 your text, you keep listing that as one of the MEC rounds found. It's

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1 not, it was on Gap property. Clear that up. You should have an
2 asterisk alongside that one.

3 And the other one was about human receptors. Your figures
4 for that north slope, which Mr. Bills says is crap, there's not that
5 many people on that north slope of Second Mountain, except hunters
6 pushing bear and deer on drives and stuff like that, unless there's
7 Allegheny wood rat researchers in there. But there's not a lot in
8 there. All summer long -- we go up there all summer long. You're
9 not going to find anybody, not that many people what you have
10 figured. Your figures, rail trail, fishing, et cetera, yes. But your
11 figures for human receptor is kind of inflated for the area where the
12 MEC, except for that one round north of the rail trail, was found.
13 MEC, munitions of explosive concern, that's what we're concerned
14 about, not dummy rounds.

15 MS. ANDERSON:

16 Thank you for your comment. Can I have the next commenter,
17 please.

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 John Rossey. I'd like to see a deadline put on this for two years. I
20 think that would be enough time to complete this project. I mean, it's
21 feasible to hire more people with the money being expended for this.
22 So, I'd like to see a deadline put on this for two years, and then after
23 that...

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

25 All done.

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1 MR. ROSSEY:

2 Yep leave -- leave the land alone.

3 MS. ANDERSON:

4 Thank you for your comment.

5 MR. ROSSEY:

6 Thank you.

7 MS. ANDERSON:

8 Can I have the next commenter, please?

9 MR. ROSSEY:

10 We're still allowed to write written comments, correct?

11 MS. ANDERSON:

12 Yes.

13 MR. ROSSEY:

14 That's what we're planning on doing anyway, but...

15 MS. ANDERSON:

16 Okay, if nobody else would like to make a verbal comment at this
17 time, I'd just like to remind you that the comment period is open until
18 July 6th. And after that, the comment period will be closed.

19 Getting back to meeting minutes, we will contact you so that
20 we can write an addendum to the meeting minutes.

21 MR. ROSSEY:

22 Can you just do it right here, right here and now?

23 MS. ANDERSON:

24 No, I cannot. I have to go back through the emails that you and Kim
25 Harriz had back and forth. I know there were some emails that you

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1 might not have gotten.

2 MR. ROSSEY:

3 Yeah I...

4 MS. ANDERSON:

5 I understand you have a new email address. So...

6 MR. ROSSEY:

7 Yeah, it got switched in the middle of all that. And then, I told her at
8 the end, I just said that you know we'll hash this out in a public
9 meeting I'd sooner it be brought out in total transparency rather than
10 just between me and her, because now she's not here, she's out with
11 BLM.

12 MS. ANDERSON:

13 Right, well, we'll get the information on paper and then we'll send out
14 the comments for your review via email, and then we'll...

15 MR. ROSSEY:

16 If they keep it totally transparent all I wanted to see is, it's a fact that
17 within the last 50 years nobody has ever gotten hurt due to
18 unexploded ordnance in Stony Creek Valley. That's all I wanted on
19 there.

20 MS. ANDERSON:

21 Okay.

22 MR. ROSSEY:

23 Good.

24 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

25 I would just say that if when we do that, it's reported in the minutes

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1 that there have been no reported injuries, no reported injuries in
2 State Game Land 211.

3 MR. ROSSEY:

4 That's fair.

5 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

6 Okay?

7 MR. ROSSEY:

8 Yeah.

9 LIEUTENANT COLONEL YEARWOOD:

10 Because, we don't know, somebody could have gotten injured and it
11 had never been reported.

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 Sure.

14 MR. MCMANUS:

15 Can't you -- we can vote on this tonight with that addendum wording?
16 Approving your minutes tonight, we can vote on them, and it's
17 approving the minutes, if that will be in there.

18 MR. ROSSEY:

19 That's what I don't understand. Why can't we just approve the
20 minutes now?

21 MR. MCMANUS:

22 I mean, because you need approved minutes...

23 MS. ANDERSON:

24 I don't know about this political stuff.

25 MR. MCMANUS:

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1 ...to continue and so we can -- we can approve -- everybody here
2 can approve the minutes.

3 MR. GERHARD:

4 I think -- I think everyone is in agreement with the revised
5 terminology that Ed and Colonel Yearwood came up with.
6 Unfortunately...

7 MR. MCMANUS:

8 Right but we could vote.

9 MR. GERHARD:

10 ...we are -- I think the project team is in agreement with what was
11 stated there. I think until it's written in paper...

12 MR. ROSSEY:

13 You have to take that into consideration.

14 MR. GERHARD:

15 ...there's a process.

16 MR. MCMANUS:

17 Yeah, but we will approve the minutes if you have that in there at
18 this meeting -- at this meeting right now.

19 MR. GERHARD:

20 Unfortunately we don't have a forum of typing that up.

21 MR. MCMANUS:

22 Oh I mean, no, verbally.

23 MR. ROSSEY:

24 Yeah.

25 MR. MCMANUS:

1 Verbally.

2 MR. GERHARD:

3 And I think we're saying we're in agreement with what you're
4 proposing...

5 MR. ROSSEY:

6 Yeah, okay, that's fine.

7 MR. GERHARD:

8 ...and Colonel Yearwood was saying.

9 MR. ROSSEY:

10 Yeah.

11 MS. ANDERSON:

12 All right, I only have one announcement, and that is, the free guided
13 tours of the rare Regal Fritillary Butterfly habitat will be on June 30th,
14 July 1st, July 6th and July 7th. And please show up at 9:30 to go
15 through all the paperwork and training that you need, to go out before
16 the ten o'clock tour.

17 At this time we'd like to adjourn this meeting. Our comments
18 will be part of the record of decision, which will be made public,
19 maybe, in the next two months.

20 MR. GERHARD:

21 Sometime this fall, is what I would say, until we work through it and
22 file it.

23 MS. ANDERSON:

24 Fall? Final in the fall, okay.

25 MR. ROSSEY:

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1 Thank you.

2 MS. ANDERSON:

3 You're welcome. Thanks for coming.

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5 [The Community Interest Group Meeting concluded at 7:52 p.m.]

6 bw/ad

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8 **Abbreviations**

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10 BLM – Bureau of Land Management

11 CERCLA – Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

12 DCNR -- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

13 EA -- Environmental Assessment

14 EIS -- Environmental Impact Statement

15 HE – High explosives

16 LZ -- Landing Zones

17 MEC – Munitions and explosives of concern

18 MPTR -- Multi-Purpose Training Range

19 MRS – Munitions Response Site

20 PADEP -- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

21 ROD -- Record of Decision

22 SDZ -- Surface Danger Zone

23 TPP -- Technical Project Planning

24 UXO – Unexploded ordnance

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CERTIFICATION

I, BRADLEY E. WEIRICH, hereby certify that the examination of the witnesses in the within case was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the transcript is a true record of the testimony given by the witnesses.

I further certify that I am neither attorney, nor counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of the parties in which this action is taken, and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto or financially interested in the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th
day of July, 2012


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