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CC: French, Stephanie [skfrench@noble.org]
Subject: RE: Noble: Visit March 8th
Attachments: EPA Administrator Pruitt External Meeting Request Form (002)_Noble (Okla).docx

Tate,

Sorry for the delay. People are on the road, and schedules are in motion.

If you can assist us in getting this meeting, it would be most appreciated. If it is a timing issue, we might can move other meetings around. Of course, a meeting with the Administrator is valuable.

Thank you,

Steve

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:13 PM
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Subject: RE: Noble: Visit March 8th

Hi Steven!

Good to hear from you. I am uncertain if the Administrator will be in D.C. on March 8, but in the event that he is available, do you mind filling out the attached scheduling request form? Our team will review it at the next scheduling meeting.

Thank you!

Tate

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Tate,

We hope this email finds you well.

When we met in Oklahoma with you and Administrator Pruitt, we outlined an early concept for a land stewardship program to yield and quantify ecosystem services on working lands with a related free market approach to properly value such ecosystem services. The intent is build the quality of our working lands while also creating new value for agricultural producers and land managers (as well as society). Our early focus is improved soil health to benefit carbon sequestration and clean water.

Since this early conversation, Noble has hosted a series of convenings of industry and market stakeholders; the early concept is taking shape. We invite you to review the attached overview of our overall direction.

Our president, Bill Buckner, who you met in your office the last time we visited in person, will be in DC on March 8. He will be accompanied by others who are assisting in the advancement of this effort, including Bruce Knight, former Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Service (2002-2006), the lead USDA agency for conservation on private working agricultural lands.

We would hope to brief the Administrator regarding the project, if his schedule would permit, on March 8. Of course, we can be flexible regarding timing.

Based on our past conversations, this project well-aligns with the Administrator's indicated approach of land stewardship (with natural resource betterment) through intentional management with the added benefit of free market (rather than government) incentives.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Steve

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