

From: Scott Cameron <(b) (6)>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Robert Dawson
Subject: Re: Neil Averitt

Bob,

Great to hear from you. (b) (6)

Please encourage Neil to email me so we can set up a time to talk. My email is scott_cameron@ios.doi.gov

Thanks,
Scott
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On Thursday, December 7, 2017, Robert Dawson <rdawson@dawsonassociates.com> wrote:

Dear Scott,

I have had the privilege recently to meet Neil Averitt who was a lawyer at the Federal Trade Commission when OMB Director Jim Miller was chairman of the FTC. I met Neil at an annual picnic that Jim Miller throws out in Washington, VA.

Neil has shared with me a significant idea of his that I would ask your consideration on since I think it's an area where you've given some thought in a general way in the past.

Neil has been working on a proposal for an entirely new type of land-use designation for a tract of Federal land in the Southwest. This is something that could be called a "frontier area."

The idea is to take a sizeable area of land and manage it in a way that replicates a segment of the nineteenth-century frontier. The most land would be kept undeveloped or put to light uses such as ranching. Across the track, however, we would create a string of about seven small towns, built new on the simple but far-reaching conditions that cars and electricity are banned, and that period architecture is used. The end result would be a historical area that visitors will be able to step into and experience on a landscape-wide scale, out of sight of modern conveniences, but never too far from their support, and relying on and coming to understand the technology of an earlier period.

A frontier area will have some attractive political consequences as well. It offers a workable compromise between the forces of preservation and development. It

offers the preservation community a large tract of conserved land, with the unique quality of preserving entire habitat ranges from the mountain ridges to the valley bottoms. At the same time, it offers local governments a form of preservation that is also consistent with paid visitation and economic development, and that celebrates pioneer history rather than regarding it as just an undesirable intrusion on the natural world. In earlier years, the frontier area proposal attracted interest from some local governments that were otherwise committed to the “sagebrush rebellion.”

More information about this proposal – including legal descriptions and economic feasibility calculations – can be found on the project website, www.brightangel.org.

May Neil give you a call soon about this? I think you will find it to be a wise and useful expenditure of time.

Scott, (b) (6) during this time of year, but maybe we can find a good chance to get together early in the New Year. I would certainly like to see you and hear about your current important and gigantic continuing public service.

Bob

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