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**From:** Koch, Karen  
**To:** Russell, Lorrae  
**Sent:** 11/23/2016 3:03:06 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Do you know why Chairman Raymond Hitchcock from Wilton wants to talk to me?

I called him back. He wanted to know whether the issues with the Corps permit would prevent the land from going into trust. He talked with Chad about it. Evidently the required mitigation specified by the permit was never performed. It will cost money to establish the required mediation bank. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I told him the Corps permit does not have to be removed from title, but someone other than the United States would need to assume the mitigation obligations specified by the permit. I suggested he speak with his attorney, but one potential way to do that would be to have the permit amended so that the permit does not run to the U.S. if the land is acquired in trust and another party, such as the Tribe, assumes those obligations.

On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 11:03 AM, Russell, Lorrae <[lorrae.russell@bia.gov](mailto:lorrae.russell@bia.gov)> wrote:  
They are trying to push this gaming application through before the administration changes.

Same to you.  
Lorrae

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On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:49 AM, Koch, Karen <[karen.koch@sol.doi.gov](mailto:karen.koch@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:  
Thanks. He sounded a bit panicked on his voice message. I suppose I'll call him back today. Happy Thanksgiving weekend, if I don't see you.

On Wed, Nov 23, 2016 at 10:45 AM, Russell, Lorrae <[lorrae.russell@bia.gov](mailto:lorrae.russell@bia.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Karen,

I was out the last two days. I don't have any idea. He calls up here just about everyday. We had a conference call last Thursday and we told him that you would probably be giving a qualified endorsement. He is probably just bugging you to see if you did it.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.  
Lorrae

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On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 2:26 PM, Koch, Karen <[karen.koch@sol.doi.gov](mailto:karen.koch@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

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