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From: Susan Barbay [sbarbay@nrcm.org]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 9:21 AM
To: Farquhar, Ned
Subject: RE: Congrats! Just left a phone message, and hope to talk today or tomorrow

Dear Ned,

Brownie is out of the office until 9/3, but I just spoke with him, and I told him you called last week.

He asked me to check with you to find out if you're available for a phone call with him at 1:30 or 2:00 pm on 9/3?

Please let me know, and thanks.

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From: Brownie Carson
Sent: Tue 8/25/2009 11:39 AM
To: Ned_Farquhar@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Congrats! Just left a phone message, and hope to talk today or tomorrow

Dear Ned,

I guess news travels slowly to Maine, but I just learned of your appointment—congratulations! Can't remember when we last spoke, but I look forward to catching up.

We (NRCM) are working on a fabulous project in Maine, the object of which is to protect 4.5 million acres of Maine's northern forest in the Moosehead Lake-Baxter Park-Allagash Wilderness Waterway region. The governor is engaged and supportive, and there is wide interest in conserving this special area. When Secretary Salazar was here in July for a tour of Acadia, a small group of colleagues (including our board chair) met briefly with him to discuss this northern forest initiative. My understanding is that he was very enthusiastic about it, and suggested that it may be a good fit for the Treasured Landscapes program.

I'd like to talk with you about how best to follow up, find out who is staffing the program (with focus on our area), and get your thoughts about timing, process, etc. It appears likely that approximately 250,000 acres of forest land in our "focus area" will be offered for sale within the next month; this land includes 20-25 miles of river frontage on both the Allagash (where the state owns just 500') and the Saint John, plus some other magnificent natural assets. This is landscape that the people should own!

Please give me a call—office direct 207-430-0107; cell 207-751-9076. I'm here today and tomorrow, then off through next Tuesday. My brother is visiting from Germany, and we'll be doing some hiking in the White Mountains.

Hope you are well and enjoying your work. I met your boss briefly while serving on the national LCV board—as you know, we endorsed and worked for him in the 2006 election. That was a great victory!

Best regards,
Brownie

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