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In answering Rudy's questions, I did receive a voice mail from Kevin Emmerich this morning. I also received a phone call from on 8/6/2019 from Neal Desai with the National Parks Conservation Association right after the PUC meeting. I answered the phone on that call it basically turned into him warning me that the news is out. I called and spoke with Raul right after and he said that he would work with Chris Bush on some talking points.

Ian sent a text to Jon on the Gemini issue. He did not receive a text back.

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His questions are:

- What I really want to know is when will the MET towers be removed and if that will actually happen. [The MET towers are under a separate grant and have another year. They would be removed or allowed to extend their testing based on direction at a latter time.](#)
- And also, have the mining claims n-been unsegregated for this project. [The NEPA was never terminated therefore the segregation remains in place two years from the NOI date. March 1, 2018 was the NOI and the segregation expires March 1, 2020](#)
- This has come up because Elous is objecting to the Nevada PUC canceling their application with them. Elous said they want to keep it going because the NEPA process may be re-initiated so since BLM and Interior were mentioned the other day at this hearing, this is not an unreasonable question. [Unknown what was said at the PUC](#)
- Would like to know if BLM knows anything about this. I actually don't think you all do but you can tell me about MET towers and mining claims. But I can't get info from a guy who hangs up the phone. [Nothing to answer](#)

Regards,

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