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Correspondence
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Unfortunately, following this meeting, USFS personnel reached out and scheduled a private meeting, individually with one of the Sheriff's Offices, in direct conflict with what we agreed upon for transparency and better communication with all stakeholders. This decision, in addition to the USFS's inaction from the August 2019 letter, has caused distrust of the USFS with the remaining stakeholders.

As such, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office will only respond to calls in the LBL NRA which are requests for back-up/officer safety assistance in incidents which are "life threatening". We will no longer respond to any routine call for service in the LBL NRA as the only or primary responding agency, including motor vehicle collisions. These calls for service will be referred back to your agency's dispatch and/or supervision.

The USFS has demonstrated it does not desire to adequately staff the LBL NRA with federal law enforcement officers sufficient to handle the tasks at hand. Should the USFS desire to change its mind with respect to entering into a financial Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with our agency, we would be happy to re-evaluate this decision. Thank you for your time. If you have any additional questions, my contact information is listed above.

Sincerely yours,



Brent White, Sheriff

cc: Honorable Mitch McConnell, US Senate
Honorable Rand Paul, US Senate
Honorable James Comer, US Congress
SAC Mike Donaldson, USFS, Region 8
Captain Kimberly Kipp, USFS, Region 8
Captain David Archer, KSP, Post 1-Mayfield
Judge Executive Wade White, Lyon County
Judge Executive Hollis Alexander, Trigg County
Sheriff Aaron Acree, Trigg County
Mayor Robin Brandon, Stewart County, TN
Sheriff Frankie Gray, Stewart County, TN