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**From:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 12:59 PM  
**To:** Wade White; Douthitt, Lily  
**Cc:** Coffman, Sarah; Wiles, Martie; Cash, Caroline  
**Subject:** RE: LBL Policing - FS

Ms. Douthitt,

Greetings. Thanks for the assistance and information. For perspective, I was contacted earlier this year by the Kentucky State Police Post 1 Commander, Captain David Archer. He wondered if I was aware of the new policy whereby the US Forest Service had directed its LEOs (i.e. officers) to cease investigating motor vehicle collisions in the LBL NRA. It was my understanding one of his Sergeants had been made aware of the new policy upon speaking with a USFS LEO. I had heard, third hand, about something similar, but it only dealt with injury collisions at that time. During the conversation with Captain Archer, it was my understanding that it involved 'all' motor vehicle collisions. As you will recall, the recently revised dispatch protocol for our county involves the USFS LEOs to be dispatched first, with KSP being second, and only after the first two agencies are unavailable, will our agency (Lyon County S.O.) be dispatched to respond. Since USFS has decided to not allow their officers to investigate motor vehicle collisions, we are defaulted to second in this tiered dispatch protocol.

Over the recent Labor Day Holiday (Friday, if memory serves me correct) weekend, we were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision in the LBL NRA. The deputy drove 20 miles to the collision scene and when he arrived, he found a USFS LEO (Donnie Dill) already on scene and standing by for us to investigate the collision. Minutes later, a KSP Trooper, who was initially unavailable to respond because he was on another call and covering five (5) counties himself, also responded. This means we had three (3) police officers tied up for the same call which should have only taken one, and which the USFS LEOs are trained to handle. As of today (September 8<sup>th</sup>), we've answered eight (8) calls in the LBL NRA this month.

Lastly, I'll reiterate my position, as it is straightforward and simple. Either the federal government, via the USFS, honors its commitment to law enforcement in the LBL NRA as it has since 1963, **or** contract with the three (3) counties comprising the LBL NRA with a financial commitment in the form of a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement so we can be compensated for filling the void where law enforcement currently is limited and/or unavailable. We cannot continue providing services to the vast LBL NRA with the current staffing we have.

Thanks again and best regards,

-BW

**From:** Wade White <lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:21 AM  
**To:** Douthitt, Lily <Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201 <brent.white@lyonsheriff.com>; Coffman, Sarah <Sarah.Coffman@mail.house.gov>; Wiles, Martie

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**From:** Bane, Jessica -FS <jessica.bane@usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:40 AM  
**To:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201  
**Cc:** Donaldson, Mike- FS  
**Subject:** Forest Service Follow Up Meeting - LBL LE&I Review Initial Findings

Sheriff White –

The LBL Review Team would like to arrange a Teams call with you on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are available for them to present some of the initial findings of the Review. I am currently arranging 1 – 1.5 hour time slots for the parties we met with back in July. If you are available and would like to meet with us could you please provide me with a couple times you would be available so I can arrange a schedule? Thank you for your time and look forward to hearing back from you.

Jessica Bane

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**To:** Bane, Jessica -FS  
**Cc:** ATT; Donaldson, Mike- FS  
**Subject:** Re: [External Email]Re: Forest Service Follow Up Meeting - LBL LE&I Review Initial Findings

We went through this the last time we set up a meeting. I not sure why each time you want to separate the Sheriff and I. I plan to be on the same call as my sheriff and Trigg county. wade

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 10:25 AM Bane, Jessica -FS <jessica.bane@usda.gov> wrote:

We do have a meeting time set with him later in the day. Can I put you down for the 8am and we can see if Judge Alexander will be able to join in as well?

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**Cc:** ATT <tjudge@att.net>; Donaldson, Mike- FS <Michael.Donaldson1@usda.gov>  
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I can make that but you also need to invite my sheriff - he led that last discussion and we would all want to be involved. You can invite him in on this call or I can invite him to come into my office during the call, which do you prefer? wade

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 9:26 AM Bane, Jessica -FS <[jessica.bane@usda.gov](mailto:jessica.bane@usda.gov)> wrote:

Judge White and Judge Alexander –

The LBL Review Team would like to set up a time with you to present the initial findings of the LBL Review that was conducted July 26-30. The Team would like to arrange a Teams meeting with you both on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am if you interested. Please let me know if this an acceptable time or if an alternate time that day would be acceptable and I will arrange the meeting in Teams. There would also be a call in number available if you are unable to connect with video.

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Thank you very much.

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Sounds good, I'll keep Sheriff White in the loop as well. Thanks!

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Thanks so much for the update! I appreciate you reaching back out to them. I have copied Sheriff White on this email and any email dealing with the law enforcement side of this please go ahead and include him as well.  
Thanks! wade

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 11:12 AM Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

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Ms. Douthitt,

I concur with Judge Alexander. In addition, I'd like to point out we are in the exact same place we found ourselves in 2019. The USFS pledged then to the Congressman they would increase their staff to six officers and would meet with local officials to take care of these problems. They are essentially saying the exact same thing and due to their past history, I have no confidence in their ability nor do I trust their word at this point.

Thanks for your help in this matter. I believe this disposition is insulting for all parties involved. Best regards,

-BW

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Judge Hollis, Sheriff Brent White and I have our conversation with LBL this evening at 1pm central time if someone wanted to listen in. wade

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Hi Terry,

We are looking at anyway we can implement a robust security agreement to force the Forest Service to devote more regional resources to security through our revisions to the LBL Protection Act along with the other changes we had been in touch on before.

Lily will be in touch as we get our language more defined! Thanks!

**Sarah Coffman**  
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Lily,

I'm sorry about the language but really getting tired of the FS quick. It absolute minimum, There should be a MOA between the state and counties. the F&W rules were established in the LBLPA but I don't remember security being address. I'm elk hunting and will look when i return home. I ready to take the FS on with a lot of zeal. this is just wrong.

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On Sep 22, 2021, at 1:02 PM, Douthitt, Lily <Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thanks for letting me listen in on the call with you all! Very helpful to hear what the FS tells you all vs. us. Please let me know when you set a date for the next meeting.

Terry- I'll research your question about federal property/ jurisdiction etc. and get back to you.

-Lily

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Unfortunately, they did not have a timeline for when the report will be released, but they confirmed they will send it to me as soon as it is published. I'll be checking back to receive a copy of the report and for updates on the hiring process.

Thanks!

**Lily Douthitt**

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**From:** Douthitt, Lily <Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Wade White; Terry Hamby; ATT; Brent White LyCo SO #7201  
**Cc:** Cash, Caroline; Wiles, Martie; Coffman, Sarah; Tyler, Jason  
**Subject:** RE: LBL Policing Update

Hi All-

Congressman Comer is very upset by all of this and would like to discuss on a call. Would you be free for a chat tomorrow? Looping in Jason to assist with scheduling.

-Lily

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**From:** Wade White <lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:04 PM  
**To:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201 <brent.white@lyonsheriff.com>  
**Cc:** Terry Hamby <thamby@facilitieservicesinc.com>; Douthitt, Lily <Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov>; ATT <tjudge@att.net>; Cash, Caroline <Caroline.Cash@mail.house.gov>; Wiles, Martie <Martie.Wiles@mail.house.gov>; Coffman, Sarah <Sarah.Coffman@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: LBL Policing Update

**agreed**

On Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 11:58 AM Brent White LyCo SO #7201 <[brent.white@lyonsheriff.com](mailto:brent.white@lyonsheriff.com)> wrote:

Well, I just got off the phone with Stewart County, TN. Apparently, even though we agreed to a face-to-face meeting with USFS SAC Donaldson yesterday if we could all meet "together" in a couple of weeks (i.e. the Sheriffs, Judges/Mayor, & Legislators), they have once again called Stewart County's Sheriff and asked to meet with him individually before that on October 5<sup>th</sup>. I believe that has made my mind up. We can no longer trust their word on anything and I'm not partnering with an agency I can't trust. I'll be drafting a letter to the USFS this week which gives them a 30-day notice we will no longer respond to the LBL NRA in a primary law enforcement role, and 'may' only respond when providing life-saving back-up to one of their officers. I'm sorry it has come to this, but we're out.

-BW

**Brent White LyCo SO #7201**

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**Subject:** Forest Service Meeting - LBL Review Team Initial Findings Report Out  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Wed 9/22/2021 1:00 PM  
**End:** Wed 9/22/2021 2:00 PM

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**Organizer:** Bane, Jessica -FS

LBL Review Team follow Up meeting with Judge Executives from Lyon and Trigg Counties along with the Lyon County Sheriff. Should you have any problems using the video or Teams portion of this call please use the call in number below.

Thanks,

Jessica Bane

cell: 601-325-3031

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**From:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2021 11:31 AM  
**To:** randy.moore@usda.gov; william.low@usda.gov  
**Cc:** Donaldson, Mike - FS; Douthitt, Lily; McCubbin, Rachel (Paul); morgan\_alvey@mcconnell.senate.gov  
**Subject:** USFS LBL Correspondence  
**Attachments:** SKM\_C3851FS21092410240.pdf

**Importance:** High

Chief Moore,

Please find attached correspondence concerning the USFS LBL NRA.

The original letter will follow by US Mail at the revised address per your office.

Best regards,

*Brent White*

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I have a question. If LBL is federal property, how does a local or state police force have any authority on Government property. If so, they should be an agreement in place and local law enforcement agencies should be paid for response calls or any paroles in the boundary.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2021, at 2:28 PM, Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

This afternoon the Forest Service briefed Congressional staff on their Law Enforcement and Investigations program review. According to their review, they determined that 6 USFS Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) are sufficient to cover LBL. This number would include 5 LEOs and 1 patrol captain. They are hiring a captain within the next two weeks, who will be trained and on duty before the end of the year. They are also hiring a replacement for a retired patrol officer. However, they likely won't fill that position until early next year. Both of these positions will be posted on <https://www.usajobs.gov/>.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** Terry Hamby <[thamby@facilityservicesinc.com](mailto:thamby@facilityservicesinc.com)>  
**Cc:** ATT <[tcjudge@att.net](mailto:tcjudge@att.net)>; Cash, Caroline <[Caroline.Cash@mail.house.gov](mailto:Caroline.Cash@mail.house.gov)>; Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)>; Brent White LyCo SO #7201 <[brent.white@lyonsheriff.com](mailto:brent.white@lyonsheriff.com)>; Wiles, Martie <[Martie.Wiles@mail.house.gov](mailto:Wiles@mail.house.gov)>; Coffman, Sarah <[Sarah.Coffman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sarah.Coffman@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: LBL Policing Update

Agreed! But our legislators are saying they not only won't be cuts at LBL but increases so hopefully that happens. I'm just worried that the FS will hide what they are doing even from our legislators - they have been for years. They act like budget cuts have not happened all while LBL buildings and roads fall apart.

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 12:07 PM Terry Hamby <[thamby@facilityservicesinc.com](mailto:thamby@facilityservicesinc.com)> wrote:  
sorry about all of the poor granner but i'm on a mountain chasing elk. i think we all get the point. Enough is Enough.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2021, at 10:47 AM, ATT <[tcjudge@att.net](mailto:tcjudge@att.net)> wrote:

I agree Terry 110%

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2021, at 11:24, Terry Hamby <[thamby@facilityservicesinc.com](mailto:thamby@facilityservicesinc.com)> wrote:

my patience is wearing thin. I think we are all sick of Gov't employees working feom home and getting nothing done foe the tax payers. All others are working to pay our bills and make payroll while they set at hone with no accountability. I've had may share of traffic violations in the past in LBI and all went to a federal Magistrate. 5



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Lastly, I'll reiterate my position, as it is straightforward and simple. Either the federal government, via the USFS, honors its commitment to law enforcement in the LBL NRA as it has since 1963, or contract with the three (3) counties comprising the LBL NRA with a financial commitment in the form of a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement so we can be compensated for filling the void where law enforcement currently is limited and/or unavailable. We cannot continue providing services to the vast LBL NRA with the current staffing we have.

Thanks again and best regards,

-BW

**From:** Wade White <[lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com](mailto:lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:21 AM  
**To:** Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201 <[brent.white@yonsheriff.com](mailto:brent.white@yonsheriff.com)>; Coffman, Sarah <[Sarah.Coffman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sarah.Coffman@mail.house.gov)>; Wiles, Martie <[Wartie.Wiles@mail.house.gov](mailto:Wartie.Wiles@mail.house.gov)>; Cash, Caroline <[Caroline.Cash@mail.house.gov](mailto:Caroline.Cash@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: LBL Policing - FS

Thanks so much. And I'm sure the Sheriff can respond here as well. He told me this morning that LBL has now decided not to work traffic accident cases. So instead of them helping us out they are requiring more. Just FYI - I'm sure the Sheriff will comment. thanks wade

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 10:18 AM Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)> wrote:  
Hello,

I have been in contact with the Forest Service Congressional Liaison Michael Williams regarding the police staffing shortage at LBL. He informed me that the Forest Service completed a review of the Law Enforcement and Investigation (LEI) program at LBL. The review results should be released around September 21, 2021 at which point they plan to brief the Congressional KY and TN delegations.

Additionally, we are still working on our draft for the LBL Protection Act Amendment and thinking through ideas. A cooperative agreement between the county police department and the Forest Service could be an idea to consider adding in.

I'll continue to keep you all updated. Thanks!  
-Lily

**From:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201 <[brent.white@yonsheriff.com](mailto:brent.white@yonsheriff.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)>; Wade White <[lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com](mailto:lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: LBL Policing - FS

Thank you very much.

**From:** Douthitt, Lily <[Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 3, 2021 11:17 AM

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**From:** McCubbin, Rachel (Paul) <Rachel\_McCubbin@paul.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 8:58 AM  
**To:** Wade White  
**Cc:** Brent White LyCo SO #7201  
**Subject:** Re: LBL Law Enforcement

I received the copy of the letter to the USFS and made sure that the relevant people in our office received it. Rob is going to be in Washington all week with Senator Paul. Good timing for them to receive this while Rob is up there.

I know this has been a great frustration – and an unsustainable burden on the Lyon County Sheriff's office.

I'll let you know if I hear any relevant updates, but they will probably come directly to either (or both) of you.

Rachel

Rachel Nave McCubbin  
Deputy State Director | US Senator Rand Paul

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**From:** Wade White <lyoncountyjudge@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:40 AM  
**To:** Brent White <brent.white@lyonsheriff.com>  
**Cc:** "Douthitt, Lily" <Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov>, Rachel McCubbin <Rachel\_McCubbin@paul.senate.gov>, "Alvey, Morgan (McConnell)" <Morgan\_Alvey@mccconnell.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** LBL Law Enforcement

Thank you all for being a great help with our LBL issues. Currently, Trigg Lyon and Stewart Co Tn are hitting a brick wall with the Forest Service in regards to law enforcement. They do not want to hire enough leo to cover the NRA and

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**From:** Douthitt, Lily <Lily.Douthitt@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** Terry Hamby; Wade White; Brent White LyCo SO #7201; ATT  
**Cc:** Coffman, Sarah  
**Subject:** Congressman Comer letter to Chief Moore  
**Attachments:** Comer letter to Chief Moore 9.30.21.pdf

Hello,

I wanted to update you all that Congressman Comer sent a letter today to the Forest Service Chief Randy Moore requesting a call to discuss why it has taken the Forest Service so long to fill the vacant law enforcement positions.

All the best,

**Lily Douthitt**  
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Chief Randy Moore  
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Dear Chief Moore,

On July 15, 2019, I wrote the Forest Service regarding inadequate law enforcement staffing at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. I received a response on August 23, 2019, in which the Forest Service committed to increasing the law enforcement officer presence at Land Between the Lakes from four to six officers. My constituents have recently informed me that there are currently only three Forest Service law enforcement officers stationed at the National Recreation Area.

I am disappointed in the length of time it is taking the Forest Service to fill additional positions and the lack of response coordination on the part of the Forest Service with the local law enforcement agencies. Land Between the Lakes is a 170,000-acre recreation area that attracts 1.5 million visitors annually.<sup>1</sup> The Forest Service's lack of urgency to adequately staff the vast area has placed an economic and human resources strain on the local law enforcement offices in the surrounding counties, as outlined in the attached letter from Lyon County Sheriff Brent White.

I request a call with you to discuss why it has taken the Forest Service so long to fill the vacant law enforcement positions. I would also like to discuss the timeline of when the local officials can expect to receive the final Law Enforcement and Investigations program review. To schedule the call, please contact Lily Douthitt ([lily.douthitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:lily.douthitt@mail.house.gov)) in my Washington, D.C. office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James Comer  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us/about/>