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I talked to Helen Hankins. Here is what she said:

1. There is no "new situation" with the Danns except that they have horses grazing in a burned area closed off by BLM for re-growth. (Wild horses, no doubt?)
2. That is why they got new impoundment/trespass orders.
3. BLM does have a contract for round-up of any livestock that are in violation according to BLM regs and a schedule of impoundment. There are 9 - 10 ranchers on this list. Most of them are the "political trespassers" (not the Indians, who, she implied, at least have a good reason to be trespassing....).
4. The Danns are on the list, and on the schedule of impoundment, but they are not at the top. The BLM will NOT take any action before Carrie gets back. (She managed to make this a favor to us while at the same time making it clear that they would not be ready to do so in any event.)
5. The BLM would be very unlikely to take any action at all if:
 - a) the Danns move the horses out of the burn area. (Of course, I don't know whether there are horses there or not -- this is just what Helen said to me.) and
 - b) we take another try at serious discussions for settlement of immediate issues.

She did bring up the Yomba and Duckwater agreements, but she

also bent over backwards to say that she and her "boss" are committed to a fresh try to settle as much as they can with Carrie and Mary.

I told Helen I would communicate the information about the burn area grazing, and that I would talk to Carrie and Mary when Carrie got back about re-opening discussions; but that I thought it would be worth a try and expected they would too.

Julie is going to talk to the US delegation in Geneva about what is going on. You can say something like "one official" has given some reason to think nothing is imminent, but they are moving etc etc. Julie, Steve says that Michael Parmly was Harold Koh's deputy director at Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and is very big on human rights. You should talk to him. Steve suggested emphasizing that this looks like a policy shift from the US in regard to ignoring the Commission and other bodies, and we hope that isn't so. Wouldn't look good right now.

I will call Lynn Sicade and Steve Wagenseil at State. They are very up on the case. I will give them the same line. Then I will edit the letter a bit and see what we should be sent out.

That's it for now, Deborah

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