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Good morning. Thanks for reaching out yesterday regarding an attorney contacting you on behalf of Union Pacific. I mentioned in one of our earlier calls a week or two ago that Union Pacific would be reaching out directing to the tribes on this project, which is totally separate from our Section 106 consultation efforts related to the PIRATE project. Troy Eid is an attorney with Greenberg Traurig, and he is co-chair of the firm's American Indian Law Practice Group. This firm was brought on by UP about a month ago to help them with the situation out there with the damage to the archaeological sites and this impact on the Section 106 and NEPA processes.

We are not involved in UP's separate outreach to various parties on this project, outside of our NEPA and Section 106 processes. OEA intends to continue to focus on understanding what happened out there, when it happened, why it happened, and who was responsible. As we discussed before, our agency is investigating the situation and still gathering information. Today's Section 106 consulting parties meeting (10-12 AZ time) is our opportunity to present our current understanding of the damage that occurred, when it occurred, and the steps we have taken to protect the area from future incursion and damage. We are also going to have an opportunity for all of the parties to provide comments on the situation, ask OEA questions, and hear from the other consulting parties.

Our next consulting parties meeting will focus more on the next steps and get input from all of you on how to move the process forward. If you have any additional questions, please let me know. I hope to see you at today's meeting if you can make it.

Thanks very much.

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