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Subject Scripps project site

Hey Eric-

Well, I spoke with a couple people about the indigo snake and this project. I just wanted to give you a heads up as to what we are thinking about asking for if it all pans out. There is a researcher currently working with a dog to detect indigos on-site (basically, an indigo survey). It's still pretty new, but if we can start getting people to pay for sites to be surveyed, it would help facilitate the validity of the research. I've asked the researcher if they would be interested in doing a survey on the Scripps site and how much it will be. I'll let you know when he gets back to me. Basically, I'm going to have to ask for some kind of indigo snake conservation measures. I will try to have several options for the applicant to choose from. You may want to mention something to them now that I will be asking in the near future. I just want to make sure the researcher is interested and it's somewhat feasible in cost. What it boils down to is this 700 acre site has likely acted as a sink for indigos while all the other development has occurred around it. Plus, the consultant mentioned seeing rattlesnakes on-site, the indigos favorite prey. I'll get back to you later.

Also, I called you last week to help with the turtles, but your voicemail said you were out for the rest of the week. I tried to reach Linda also. I think it was on Wed, and I had a load of turtles and was heading down to Juno Beach to release them.

If you are interested, there may be an opportunity to help re-introduce wood rats in the keys. I can put you in contact with the person if you want.

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