



## **BRENNAN HOLDINGS, LLC**

April 26, 2015

Mr. Gil Meacham, President  
Dr. William Christensen, Chairman  
Utah Public Lands Alliance  
P.O. Box 833  
St. George, UT 84771-0833

RE: Response to your letter dated April 13, 2015

Gentlemen;

I have received your letter and I have reviewed it. We understand the goals of your organization and have been aware of the issues related to the Sand Mountain Recreational Area from the very beginning of this process.

Over the past 5 years we have attempted to resolve a major problem facing not only myself and the other private land owners within the Red Cliff Desert Reserve but all residents of Washington County. The preservation of the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan is essential for the continued economic health of this area. Over the past 20 years the residents of Washington County have enjoyed the mitigation provided by these private lands without any compensation paid to these land owners. The burden of that mitigation will not be carried by the private land owners for the next 20 years.

We have spent considerable time and money looking at public lands throughout the State of Utah and have systematically narrowed the possible exchange parcels, based on appraisals, cultural and environmental concerns, down to a selected few. While we believe we have done a comprehensive job of evaluating these public lands, we would still be happy to look at any lands that we may have missed. In your letter you state that "there are numerous areas other than Sand Mountain where that (development) can be done". We would welcome your suggestions in that regard.

Any solution that is ultimately decided to be pursued to resolve the acquisition of these lands, will be conducted in an open and transparent manner, by the elected officials of all stakeholders in the Washington County HCP. If your group would like to be part of the solution and the possible benefactor of compromises that are willing to be made,



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then we would welcome your involvement. If you would like to meet with myself and my representative, Jim Raines we would be happy to discuss solutions with any of your group. We, in the past have tried numerous times to meet with you to discuss these issues. I have called you several times over the last few days and have left messages but have not heard back from you. I will be in the St. George area around the end of May and could meet with you and your group at that time. Please let me know if you would like to meet with us and we will schedule a time during my next visit.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert Brennan'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Brennan,  
Brennan Holdings, LLC

cc: Washington County  
US Fish and Wildlife  
City of Hurricane  
Washington County HCAC  
Red Cliff Desert Reserve  
Bureau of Land Management