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Re: Hammond Ranches, Inc.; Dwight Hammond; Steven Hammond

Dear Sheriff Ward,

I have had the pleasure of knowing the Hammond Family for nearly 25-years. I consider them friends. I have also had the privilege and continue to have that privilege of being the lawyer for Hammond Ranches, Inc. ("HRI") related to its public land grazing preferences, public land grazing permit, and associated public land range improvements for several years. *See* 43 C.F.R. 1.3. HRI has and continues to be a good steward to the public lands, as well as their interrelated private lands.

I have received information that Ammon Bundy has communicated with you or your office about the Hammond Family, and specifically about Dwight Hammond and Steven Hammond. I write to clarify that neither Ammon Bundy nor anyone within his group/organization speak for the Hammond Family, Dwight Hammond or Steven Hammond. In addition, I wish to report to you that, as recently Ordered by the U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, Dwight Hammond and Steven Hammond intend to voluntarily report to the designated federal facility on January 4, 2016, as required.

I hope this letter is useful to you in understanding the position of the Hammond Family.

Very truly yours,

Schroeder & Lezamiz Law Offices, LLP

By 

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