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A mix of somber and positive. Somber first.

Tuesday the Keene Ranch owner was contacted by local sources with information causing him to begin legal steps to protect his property. He called me to keep me updated and requested additional measures to identify approved team members. He also stated he would have patrols on the property to keep out trespassers. He called me Wednesday after receiving additional information, which caused him to now have Sheriffs deputies on the property to arrest anyone not part of our team. What began as a low key support by the owners has progressed to all this extra effort on their part. It speaks volumes of their graciousness allowing us to continue.

Somber number two. I've been in contact with the CAWG folks since day one and they have been extremely supportive. However postings on the Edwards bulletin board last weekend with inaccurate and unauthorized information caused a serious problem within their wing. They were willing to remain official supporters as long as cadets from PAWG were coming and airlift was a potential. With both those now moot, CAWG does not want to deal with the legal and liability issues arising from recent events and has formally withdrawn their support for our mission. I agreed with LTC Asche when we discussed the possibility. The practical impact is nil since Jeff, myself, LTC Asche and the subordinate units determined we didn't need much anyway. However the good will and positive effects lost are absolutely huge.

Now for the good news...Crocker has scored with the medical side including liaison with local medical facilities and equipment. Mark Stucky hit paydirt with the Edwards Disaster Preparedness folks for almost everything needed for the base camp. Contributions continue, the Southern CA balloon folks are scheduled to do our airport taxi stuff and daily errand support off the ranch, and aviation support actually has grown. Airline ticket prices aren't too bad. I need you to get them done yourself or by me immediately and need your arrival information so we can have you picked up. I'm hand carrying my rope gear, \$80 extra as checked baggage.

If you want to ship your gear, do it right away and use FedEx Ground and send it to Francis Zeller, 4300 Knox Ave., Rosamond, CA 93560. Tell them you want it there by the 23rd (so if it is late it arrives on the 24th). Save your receipt and give it to DeEtte when you get to CA.

Attached is the release for the property owners since they won't have enough time to send it to you and have you send it back. Their attorney has approved this method. Download it, initial the first two pages, sign the last page and send it FedEx to Mr. Sam Young, 27801 Woodford-Tehachapi Road, Keene, CA 93531. On the waybill use my shipping number 177926361. Put your return address, mark Saturday delivery, No haz goods, and mark bill third party in block 7, rewrite my shipping number in section 7. In block 8 you can sign the release signature since Fuzzy's house is fine and a lot of folks will be around there.

Once you do that you need to email me or call with your FedEx tracking number so I can track where things are. There are two other items you will need to get on the property and you'll get those in CA from myself or Jeff Smith.

If you have any questions, call me.

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