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To: Karlene K Hale/R10/USDAFS@FSNOTES
cc: Melvin Y Shibuya/HCM/USDAFS@FSNOTES
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Subject: Re: Glen Ith - OIG assistance requested

Hi Karlene,

We had a meeting on this issue. It's my understanding that Melvin Shibuya will make arrangements for a FS credentialed investigator to assist. You can contact Melvin at 703-605-0826.

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Hi Lori - I am needing assistance in reaching an appropriate contact in the OIG. Specifically, I made 5 telephone contacts to the OIG Hotline on June 15 and June 16, 2006. An electronic voice told me everyone was busy helping others. One of the electronic options was to file a detailed message to the OIG on-line hotline. I did this on Friday, June 16, 2006, and have not received a response to date. The situation is regarding an employee of the Tongass National Forest, Glen Ith. He is a wildlife Biologist, GS-486-9, on the Petersburg Ranger District in Petersburg Alaska. I reported to OIG what I believe may be a violation of law and regulations. Mr. Ith has filed a law suit in conjunction with the FSEEE (Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics). He has used this website to solicit funds, requesting funds amounting to \$50,000, to litigate this lawsuit. After discussion with Tim Obst, Office of Special Council in R10, and the Tongass NF Forest Supervisor, I tried to approach OIG with questions regarding First Amendment rights, versus the fairly obvious ethics violations of soliciting funds for nonfederal organizations. I would like to proceed with disciplinary actions, but do not want to continue without the input and assurance of OIG regarding these matters. I have attached the fund-raising article for your reference. If you have a FS contact with the OIG that is responsive and can provide assistance I would appreciate your sharing this information. Thank you. Karlene

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Hello, my name is Glen Ith and I am seeking your help. I've worked for the Forest Service for 25