


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You were on my list of calls to make today regarding this. My read is that he has created a conflict of interest in filing a lawsuit against the FS related to work he has been hired to do. He has exacerbated this situation while openly promoting fund raising activities on the AFSEEE website to continue his litigation on projects on the Forest he is assigned as well as those he is not. The job he has been temporarily been assigned, while the FS prepares the litigation information associated with his complaint, is about over. Our current funding situation does not allow the Tongass to assign new jobs in lieu of what he is suppose to be doing. Placing him back on the District is not an option while the case is pending. Placing him in a job that we have no funding to cover is not an option.

Karlene was unsuccessful in getting anyone to talk to her about the case. It appears you are having similar difficulties. If we do not have a read on whether or not my interpretation of the situation is correct by the time the project he is currently assigned is over, I intend to place him on leave (admin or otherwise) to preserve the Forest's ability to continue working. I realize this is not the best supported strategy but lacking timely input on this situation leaves me in a position to make the best decisions on the information we can generate from here.

If you get the opportunity to talk to an investigator, please let them know we have a timeline issue and I would appreciate a review of this situation as soon as possible.

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