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PROJECT UPDATE

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Liberty Star Uranium & Metals Corp.

Exploration of East & West Silverbell from 1990 to 2000 & the creation of Ironwood Forest National Monument

Dear Shareholders:

On May 2nd we informed you that President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order directing the Secretary of the Interior to review the designation of 27 national monuments on federal land, calling the protective designations a "massive federal land grab" by previous administrations. [\[AZ Daily Star\]](#)

Of interest to us is the **Ironwood Forest National Monument** northwest of Tucson, Arizona ostensibly established to protect two species the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy Owl (alternately called the Desert Ferruginous Pygmy Owl at the time of the declaration). It was thought that the Pygmy Owl (either or both subspecies) were said to nest only in the ironwood trees, which were thought to be concentrated in this area of the Arizona - Sonora Desert. As the ironwood trees occur in a very large tract of the Arizona – Sonora Desert in the Tucson Arizona area are at a very specific elevation-climate, and soil type, this was certainly not ever true. I am looking out my office window at a very healthy ironwood tree at least 50 air miles to the east edge of the current Monument to protect the ironwood and thus the nesting Cactus Owls. While it was debatable in the first place if the owl was factually endangered, the point was rendered moot when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals declared the termination of the endangered classification. The Ironwood Forest National Monument no longer has a focused reason to exist for this and a number of other reasons. In large part because there are better stands of ironwood trees elsewhere, and they were never in any danger in the first place.

Right now, there is a designated 60-day comment period [starting May 12], opened for the public to voice opinions on the proposed repeal of the National Monument designation for the Ironwood Forest. **We will make comment asking for the repeal of the National Monument designation** in its entirety and encourage you to do so also. *See instructions on how to comment below*

Liberty Star has an option from JABA (US) Inc., an Arizona Corporation owned by myself, Dr. John Guilbert [LBSR board member & technical advisor] and others, holding unpatented BLM lode mining claims within the Monument, initially staked years before the 2000 presidential decree by President Clinton. We have not been able to continue exploration nor develop our **East Silverbell Porphyry Copper Project**, which is a continuation of the Silverbell alteration zone and ore bodies which lie on the eastern edge of the Silverbell Caldera. The caldera was identified by Dr. David Sawyer [1987] and described in his UC Santa Barbra PhD dissertation.

The porphyry copper ore bodies currently mined by ASARCO start at the northwest exposed end of the west edge of the Caldera and continue easterly to the El Tiro open pit, then further east to the Wild Hog Butte open pit, which joins the Oxide pit and the East Oxide pit and then the alteration continues under cover to the east edge of the ASARCO property where intense alteration and breccia pipes occur at the old Cocio ranch. This is a distance of about nine miles.

From the early 1990s, I and Dr. Guilbert collaborated and found that our information suggested that mineralization of the known Silverbell mining district extended to both the west of the known Silverbell district in excess of 10 miles and to the east about eight miles. Based on those geologic projections we formed JABA Inc., a Canadian publicly traded company, and undertook, with great secrecy, one of the largest geochemical and geologic searches, at that time, combining existing high resolution color aerial photography, available aero magnetics, available IP geophysics, detailed ground magnetics over one target in the east area along with soil, rock, and vegetation geochem.

These studies were gathered well before the creation of the Ironwood Forest National Monument. The monument overrode and was illegally, we believe, superimposed on the lode mining claims we had on the land, which completely ignored the productive exploration and discovery we conducted. Our research, including drilling, indicated the intersection of an enriched (chalcocite) blanket, typical of the Silverbell district. After the monument overlapped our valid lode mining claims (an unconstitutional "taking" with no reimbursement) making it "illegal" to work our own claims, the critical information was secured in the JABA (US) archives. The Canadian public company was reorganized after losing its prime target at Silverbell and the data was returned to the new Arizona incorporated JABA (US) Inc. JABA (US) has continued to pay yearly assessment on the valid claims. JABA (US) Inc. subsequently optioned the claims (and other projects in the western US) in their entirety to Liberty Star in the hopes that someday this false – junk science National Monument would be obliterated.

We move one step closer with the review by Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke.

Results of the drilling suggest an enriched copper blanket (chalcocite) as makes economic ore at the nearby Silverbell productive mines, and new mining methods suggest potential to produce from this mineral body. More diamond drilling will have to be done and there are probably other mineral bodies along trend that is a characteristic of the Silverbell caldera zone. In fact, our very clear geochemical and geologic data show there may be some twelve or more copper-moly porphyry copper mineral bodies along the extended edge of the caldera lying under alluvial cover, to the east and the west. Development of these mineral deposits would be monumental for Liberty Star and surrounding counties and cities.

While this vital data was gathered by JABA (US) at a cost of several million dollars, the East Silverbell claims have been wholly optioned to Liberty Star so the work can continue at only the cost of land and work until production.

I urge Liberty Star shareholders to participate in the mandated comment period. But so should all persons and companies with mineral or economic interest as this Monument covers nearly 300 square miles of potential mineral bearing lands which could host yet undiscovered mineral deposits to be discovered and developed by modern exploration and environment friendly mining techniques.

I have developed some contacts in previous years that may help.



Pictured from left to right is Trent Franks – previously Arizona Senator from Mohave County, now Republican Representative from Arizona, the Briscoes: my wife Mardee and myself, and then-Governor Mike Pence, our current Vice President. They are "the friends of reason." Congressman Franks is particularly knowledgeable about natural resources and problems caused by unreasonable land withdrawals. I believe they will help us in this effort to remove this unneeded mineral land withdrawal.

Please write individual letters to these two gentlemen, to Secretary of the Interior Zinke and to President Trump and everyone else you can think of, and urge them to do the same. This is a good cause and there is nothing in the Ironwood Forest National monument that is not represented in the Saguaro National Monument to the east and west of Tucson a few tens of miles away. It is essentially a land grab that removes natural resources from development by Liberty Star and potentially other companies. Mining upon which our very existence depends is abhorred by the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, The Center for Biological Diversity and like-minded who have been behind this land grab.

This is a complex subject and I will be writing additional material on this area and Liberty Star's targets in future articles over the next few weeks until this matter is decided.

Very truly yours,
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Instructions to comment:

There is a 60 mandated comment period administered through the Federal Regulations website. The link to make comment regarding The Ironwood Forest National Monument to the Department of the Interior is <http://www.regulations.gov>. Enter "DOI-2017-0002" in the search bar and click search.

The public can also comment by mail to Monument Review, MS-1530, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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Attached is a Word Document you may use to contact the federal representative of your choice, Representative Franks, Vice President Mike Pence, and/or President Donald J. Trump.

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