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We have received notice that our appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has been scheduled for Oral Argument on July 14, 2017 in Portland Oregon. This is an in-person appearance for all attorneys of record. Gary Leistico will be appearing on behalf of the NTA, MTA and other individual intervenors. The oral argument is open to the public, but the parties do not need to appear. The Court will issue an Opinion to our appeal sometime after the oral argument, but there is no time limit on when the Opinion must be issued.

In the Maine Incidental Take Permit Suit, the Plaintiffs (Friends of Animals and the Center For Biological Diversity) have appealed the Summary Judgment Decision to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Oral arguments are scheduled for June 1, 2017 in Boston Massachusetts.

MASTER TRAPPERS DVD MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE. This program is designed specifically to assist directors in recruiting new members when setting up a booth at conventions, sport shows etc.. Any new regular one year member will receive their choice of the two DVDs - Vol I or Vol 2. Anyone who buys a regular membership for two or more year can receive both volumes. (Family and Junior memberships do not qualify)

These DVDs sell for \$40 each, \$75 for the set. New members can get them free! Myself and a few others tested this incentive at state conventions last fall. If you will do your part, you'll find it's extremely effective. You will need to order a supply several weeks before your planned event to insure we have them. The office will maintain records of your inventory. NOTE; you must have the DVDs on hand to give to the new members when they join. **WE WILL NOT MAIL THEM.**

Dave Shuttleworth is putting the final touches on the Sweepstakes, and it will be going to the printer shortly.

NTA Western Regional is fast approaching. June 9 - 10 in Sturgis SD. The SDTA is working hard to put on a great show. The Black Hills are a beautiful location for a family vacation. The area is rich in western history and culture. The Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway and Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway are both beautiful drives. Anyone coming from the east should take the time to drive the 35 mile Badlands Loop Road (Highway 240) east of Wall.

Hope to see you there.