IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

FAIRHOLME FUNDS, INC., et al.,)	
Plaintiffs,)	No. 13-465C (Judge Sweeney)
V.))	
THE UNITED STATES,)	
Defendant.)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING JULY 7 STATUS CONFERENCE

This Court scheduled a status conference for July 7, 2015 at 1 p.m. Doc. 174 (June 29, 2014) ("June 29 Order"). The parties hereby notify the Court that they expect to discuss the following topics at the July 7 status conference: (1) the current status of the discovery authorized by the Court; (2) the current discovery schedule and the need for an additional extension of the discovery deadline; and (3) the timing of motions to remove the "Protected Information" designation from materials produced during discovery. In addition, Plaintiffs propose to discuss two additional topics: (4) the need for guidance from the Court regarding certain issues that have arisen during depositions, and are likely to arise at future depositions, including, for example, the propriety of certain instructions not to answer; and (5) Plaintiffs' pending motion to stay briefing on the Government's supplemental motion to dismiss.

The parties hereby notify the Court that the following attorneys for the Fairholme Plaintiffs plan to appear in person at the status conference:

- Charles J. Cooper, Cooper & Kirk, PLLC
- David H. Thompson, Cooper & Kirk, PLLC
- Vincent J. Colatriano, Cooper & Kirk, PLLC

The following attorneys for the United States plan to appear in person:

- Kenneth M. Dintzer
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Consistent with the June 29 Order, all attorneys who will appear for the parties have been admitted to the Protective Order in this case. Because the Court directed that the July 7 status conference shall be closed to the public, counsel for the parties in this case has not made arrangements for attorneys for the plaintiffs in related cases to listen to the status conference via telephone. The Government requests that a telephone line be made available for Katherine Brandes, counsel from the Department of the Treasury, to listen to the status conference.

Date: July 6, 2015

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