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To: COMO Smith, DCOS Kirkwood, D11NR Board and Staff Members

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*Highlights*

- ◇ Radio Nets Continuing
- ◇ Slow Progress on ACV and Trailer
- ◇ PACConComm Update

*Details*

- ◆ The weekly HF radio nets are continuing with improving long-range conditions. More station from District 8 are being heard and PACArea stations are stronger. More sunspots would help immensely. The VHF nets are continuing with good participation. There is a possibility of the Mt. Umunhum repeater coming back on line.
- ◆ Progress is being made on the ACV (Freightliner) and communications trailer. Kevin Sellstrom's available time for the two vehicles has slowed progress. We will be looking for additional funding this year to complete the radio purchase.
- ◆ PACConComm station and operator qualifications are still held up for streamlining. Another exercise using HF and VHF is being set for later this year.

*Future Events*

- ❖ Antlers OPTREX – April 26-29, 2018 Comms trailer will be used and welcoming new and experienced operators.
- ❖ PACConComm Exercise – Date and Details TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

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