

Evergreen Emails Roxy Lopez and Steven Daniels of Evergreen Aviation

Here is the correspondence between Roxy Lopez and Steven Daniels of Evergreen Aviation during the largest fire in Arizona History! (*note* The first email is the last email in the list, you may wish to start at the bottom of this pdf. File and work your way up.)

June 16th, 2011

Dear Roxy and Steve,

Thanks for the note. The situation is unchanged. We have been in contact with the US Forest Service, the Arizona Department of Forestry and CalFire. All of them have refused any guaranteed contracts or exclusive use contract to us and the other Very Large Air Tanker, the DC-10.

CalFire authorized the DC-10 to go to Arizona at the request of the US Forest Service for 5 days. No more.

This will have to be a grass roots program to get congress to demand that the Forest Service use ALL AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Thanks again for your support. Stay tuned for a new Supertanker website, Twitter account and Facebook page.

Warmest regards,

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From: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 6:22 PM
To: Steven Daniels
Subject: Re: Fires in AZ question sir

Hello Steve,

I wanted you to have a copy of the letter that I sent the Governor.(It is below). So is there anything new? Regarding the fires? I have been watching and writing, seems no one wishes to answer any of our emails.

Let me know, chin up!
Roxy

Letter to Jan Brewer:

Dear Honorable Jan Brewer,

I come to you in utter disbelief. Why is Arizona not authorizing the Evergreen Supertanker to put out the fires in Northern Arizona?

Perhaps you are unaware, but the Evergreen Supertanker is largest firefighting aircraft in the world with

the most advanced system available. {For fire fighting} It was privately funded by Evergreen and developed over a period of more than 6 years. It provides a capability that does not exist in any other system and from what I have read and studied in the past, I am confident that it could have a very positive affect on these terrible fires.

Please consider contacting them Governor!

Sincerely!

Roxy and Steve Heckel
Casa Grande, AZ

----- Original Message -----

From: Steven Daniels<mailto:Steven.Daniels@evergreenaviation.com>

To: Steve Heckel

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 1:07 PM

Subject: RE: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Steve,

This is an interesting example of government at work.

We have communicated directly with the head of the US Forest, the Arizona Governor's office, the head of Arizona Forest Office and CalFire.

Neither the US Forest Service or CalFire will offer an "exclusive use" contract or any contract that guarantees some type of minimum payment. Instead, they have offered a "Call When Needed" contract, which has no guarantees at all.

For the DC-10 or the 747, this is just too much of a financial gamble. It costs roughly \$10 million a year just to own a very large air tanker, not including the high cost of developing a system, certifying it and installing the system in an aircraft.

What the very large air tanker category needs is some type of minimum guarantee.

That being said, the \$57K is probably reasonable and it is very close to the daily cost of a Skycrane helicopter.

Thanks for all of your support.

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From: Steve Heckel
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:08 PM
To: Steven Daniels
Subject: Re: Fires in AZ question sir

Hey Steven!

Steve here, how are you.? I will get right to the point.

I have been keeping my eye on the of the news, still no Evergreen Supertanker. What is going on? Have you ever used a EST in the USA yet?

Do you think the 57K a day that California is charging AZ (Wallow fire) or the DC-10 conversion is too much dough?

Thanks for emailing us, we really appreciate it. My wife is the one making the calls, to EVERYONE.

Good luck!

Steve Heckel
*(Steve Heckel is Roxy Lopez's husband)

----- Original Message -----

From: Steven Daniels<mailto:Steven.Daniels@evergreenaviation.com>
To: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:29 AM
Subject: RE: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Roxy and Steve,

We do in fact have a fleet of Boeing 747 aircraft, but only one is configured as a firefighting aircraft. That one is based in Marana, Arizona near Tucson.

The channel 5 news misquoted the 747 being deployed to Arizona. It is actually a DC-10 firefighting aircraft that is being sent from California.

Your calls seem to be effective. I received a call this morning from the Arizona State Forestry Department. Perhaps things will move and we can help the state after all.

Regards,

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From: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Steven Daniels
Subject: Re: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Mr. Daniels,
I must say that I was sure you had a fleet of the tankers...I have seen many of them, even photographed them. Where is yours parked right now?

Also , I think that you would be interested to know Mr. Daniels that the news cast last evening said "And now there is word that we will be bringing in the 747's" Why would they say this if they were not? Are there other fighter fighting planes that are 747's that are not Evergreen's Super Tanker?

By the way, I have made calls (several to the Governor), and today will the others that you suggested.

Thanks for ALL you do!!!!

Roxy

From: Steven Daniels<mailto:Steven.Daniels@evergreenaviation.com>
To: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:06 AM
Subject: RE: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Roxy,
This is typical of how large fires are handled. It is always someone else's problem. We currently have only one tanker, but we have been successful in stopping every fire we have worked on.
Thank you for your support,

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From: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 4:13 PM
To: Steven Daniels
Subject: Re: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Steven!

Wow, I am truly amazed. The Governors office says that we should contact the US Forest Services instead of the Governor. What do you make of this?
Also, how many Supertankers do you think it would take to put out the current fire in Arizona?
How many do you have?
Thanks again!

Roxy

----- Original Message -----

From: Steven Daniels<mailto:Steven.Daniels@evergreenaviation.com>

To: Roxy Lopez

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 1:05 PM

Subject: RE: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Roxy,

Thank you for your support. For Evergreen it is more than odd, it is extremely frustrating. Evergreen funded 100% of the development of this amazing technology, without any taxpayer funding or assistance. However, we have been repeatedly left "on the sidelines" due to what we perceive to be the personal agendas of US Forest Service head, Tom Harbor.

Our Washington DC office has contacted the governors offices and advised them of our capability.

Thanks again,

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From: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 12:46 PM
To: Steven Daniels
Subject: Re: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Steven,
I thank you much for your quick response. I will contact the Governor as you suggested. Do you find it odd at all that they wouldn't want your help?
Thanks so much, I have confidence that you could put an end to these fires in no time. (There helicopters dropping a thousand gallons versus the Supertanker being able to manage something like 150K gallons.
Do you think the governor is aware of your capacity to put out this fire?
Thanks Again!

Roxy

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From: Steven Daniels<mailto:Steven.Daniels@evergreenaviation.com>

To: Roxy Lopez
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 12:13 PM
Subject: RE: Fires in AZ question sir

Dear Roxy ,

Thank you for your inquiry. We have offered out Supertanker to the US Forest Service and we have now notified your governor's office that the aircraft is 15 minutes away from the fires. The Forest Service response was that they have all of the aircraft they need and they are not interested in our help.

I suggest you contact your governor's office and comment about your concerns.

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From: Roxy Lopez Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 12:02 PM
To: Steven Daniels
Subject: Fires in AZ question sir
June 8,2011

RE: Forest Fires in Arizona: We need your help.
Dear Mr. Daniels,

I hope that I am not interrupting your busy day!

I was wondering as I watch our lovely state of Arizona forests burn to the ground, why we are not using the Evergreen Supertanker to put out the fires?
Also, where could I go , who could I call to get this in motion? Perhaps our state doesn't realize the SUPERTANKER capabilities?
Thanks so much for your time.
Roxy