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Helicopter Report August

Responding to a dead elephant found on Olare Orok Conservancy

Narrative:

This month we have flown the helicopter to help elephants and people in conflict, treat wounded elephants, deploy rangers to a bush fire, deploy rangers to an elephant carcass, remove buffalos from Green Park in Naivasha, search for a snared lion, monitor the collared elephants and respond to elephant collar alerts.

The online fundraising has continued to slow down with no new donations in August. On the 11th of August I met with Sue Rodgers who Gordy Church introduced to MEP. Sue Purchased the MD 530F Helicopter for the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. After my presentation we went for a short flight to the Southern most outpost of the Mara Conservancy, on the Kenya Tanzania border. We hope that Sue will support helicopter operations.

We have sighted the hanger on the Tracks Trust property where there is a large open area of about 300 meters long. Tracks Trust has applied for the addition to the current NEMA license. The foundation pit will start in September. In the interest of speed of construction we have requested a quote from Steel Structures Limited with our specifications for an all-metal hanger and it came to approximately 13,000USD. With the budget of 15,000USD we would not have sufficient funds for the concrete work. We may opt to have faro cement walls to bring down the cost of the walls. We will continue preparing the foundation while we make the final decision on the design of the hanger and fuel store.

Partners MEP and Karen Blixen Camp Trust are developing a Memorandum of Understanding for the use of the helicopter.

MEP hopes to develop a partnership with DSWT and with Sue Rodgers. We are developing more cost centers accounts for flying to ensure accurate allocation of funding. There have been several situations where a single flight covers several purposes so this will need to be developed further.

August Situation Report

Date	Time	USD	Details	Pay Source
01/08/16	2.5	$750	Meeting with Elinor Constance and Colin Church	MEP Core
02/08/16	1.7	$510	Chase elephants out of munyas	MEP Donations
07/08/16	1.26	$378	chase elephants out of Mararienta	MEP Donations
10/08/16	4.7	$1,410	WWF elephant crossings, gunshot detector, and Lewa	WWF
15/8/16	1.07	$321	Monitoring southern section with Sue Rodgers	Sue Rodgers
18/8/16	3.73	$1,119	Lewa and return Mara for DAS presentation	MEP Core
19/8/16	2.08	$624	Chase elephants out of olkiyei and look for snared lion	MEP Donations
20/8/16	1.78	$534	Ferry Mara Area	Suzie
21/8/16	1.11	$333	Marathon: Chase animals off the course	Lemek Conservancy
21/8/16	0.66	$198	Deploy rangers to elephant carcass	MEP Donations
22/23/8/16	9.79	$2,937	B3uffalo operation Naivasha	Green Park
25/8/16	3.01	$903	Looking for Santiyan in Suswa	WWF/MEP
26/8/16	1.29	$387	Darting wounded bull in Musiara with DSWT	DSWT/MEP
26/8/16	0.5	$150	Chase large herd of elephants out of Kirindon	MEP/DSWT
27/8/16	0.77	$231	Chase elephants out of Mararienta	MEP Donations
29/8/16	0.46	$138	Check farm damage in Emarti HEC	MEP Donations
29/8/16	0.55	$165	Ferry rangers to bush fire in OOC	MEP Donations
	36.96	$11,088		

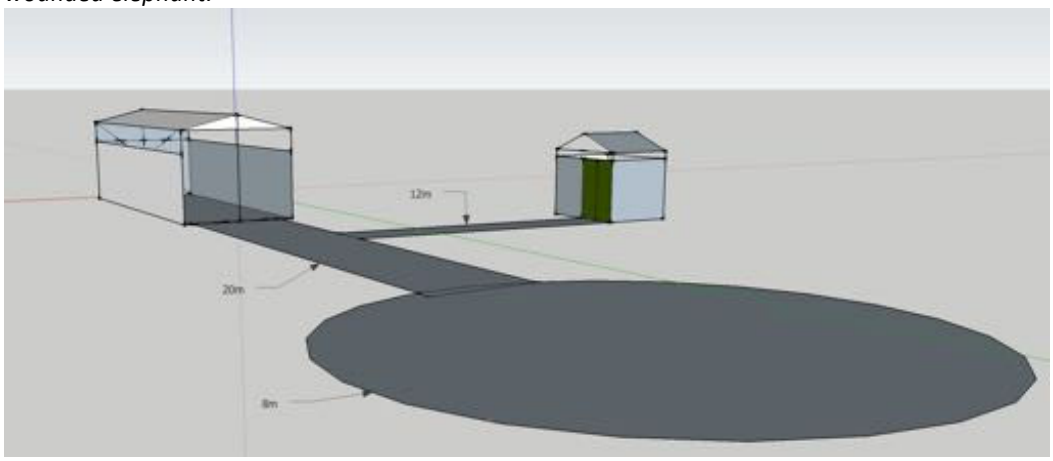
Focus for August:
Start Building Hanger: Started

Focus for September:
Develop funding partnerships
Finalize design
Dig foundation
Collect ballast

During Naivasha Operation looking toward Aberdare Mountians.

Responding to the fire on Olare Orok Conservancy with MEP rangers.

After pushing a wounded bull elephant out of musiara swamp the KWS/DSWT team were able to dart and treat the wounded elephant.



Sketch for floor dimensions.