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Draft Agenda
NRTC Conference Call
October 14, 1998, 1:00 – 3:00

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"Jamie Zeisloft Conference Call"

- 100 Area Assessment Plan Public Review & Trustee Signature – All
- Final Results/Report on Level 3 Surveys - Rick Roy
- 1100 PAS – All
- Cr study contract update – Jamie
- Vice-Chair Election - All

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