

1 Q. **Re Replace Off-Road Track Vehicles (Bishop's Falls and Fogo) p. B-53**

2 The Fogo unit (#V7809) will be 18 years old and the Bishop's Falls unit (#V7895) will
3 be 15 years old. Given the capacity of these units to function satisfactorily beyond
4 the 12 to 15 year range noted at p. B-53 and given that the "maintenance costs for
5 Unit No. 7895 are low" (Tab 22, p. 5) and that "the main drivers for replacement are
6 technological issues" or technological improvements, why cannot the replacement
7 of unit 7895 be deferred in the absence of any evidence that it requires
8 replacement in 2011.

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11 A. Over the past five years maintenance costs for Unit 7895 were \$43,500, which are
12 higher than those incurred for Unit 7809. The Project Description indicates we are
13 replacing unit 7895 with a unit that has a material handling boom to improve
14 efficiency of the crew by allowing it to serve as a heavy lift unit. Unit 7895 is not
15 configured to lift loads in excess of 600 lbs and cannot be retrofitted to do so
16 because of design constraints. Failure to replace unit 7895 could result in system
17 outages as a result of not being able to use the present unit for system
18 maintenance.