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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

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Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Although the 'Self' representation box has been ticked above, my comments are shared and agreed by communication representatives from Mountain Rescue organisations throughout the UK - MREW and MRC of S / now Mountain Rescue Scotland. Also recommended by the MoD's RAF MRS who also use the existing LandSAR channels.

Question 1:Do you agree with the proposed approach for spectrum management?:

Broadly, yes, so long as equivalent allocation for any channels removed from existing LandSAR spectrum is made good within these 143 - 169 MHz bands. Reallocation should be as close to existing channels as possible, commensurate with efficient antenna matching.

Question 2:Do you agree with the proposed approach for Business Radio assignments?:

With the same caveats as at Question 1

Question 3:Do you agree with the proposal to allocate spectrum for Maritime and/or Land Search and Rescue use? :

Very strongly agree. As I proposed in your last offer for consultation I feel it is essential that, if WARC / ITU and national requirements result in LandSAR channels being removed from the existing IMM allocation, there should be a like-for-like allocation provided in the blocks in question. For repeaters, channels could be allocated from the lower and upper blocks. We hear that channels 24a and 851 have already been earmarked for conditional change and may be under threat; we feel it is important that corresponding 25 kHz and 12.5 kHz channel equivalents be made available so that SAR helicopters and Land SAR Teams - particularly the Mountain Rescue Teams, whose representatives have expended immeasurable effort over many years to secure the current allocation, be provided with equivalent spectrum that is near their current allocation, giving reasonably efficient antenna matching with current equipment. Only low power equipment should be used on adjacent LandSAR and Marine channels.

Question 4:Do you agree with the proposal to make some spectrum not currently assigned to other applications available on a temporary for Amateur Radio use with these restrictions?:

Though I have great empathy with the Amateur Radio needs, the LandSAR and marine allocation should not be compromised with shared use.