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October 22, 2010

Mr. Daniel Kruse, Legal Director
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P.O. Box 10455
Eugene, Oregon 97440

Dear Mr. Kruse:

This is in response to your June 16, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

1. All records concerning Wildlife Services (WS) involvement and participation in the pursuit of wolves in Eastern Oregon since April 1, 2010.
2. All records of correspondence between WS and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) regarding the implementation and compliance with Oregon wolf Conservation and management plan since April 1, 2010.
3. All records or information concerning the source of the funds used to by WS to pursue these wolves.
4. All data estimating the daily and total costs of the pursuit of these wolves, and costs of equipment, crews, or contactors.

Your request was received in our office on June 24, 2010, and assigned FOIA 10-514. We apologize for the delay of this request.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed is a CD-ROM containing 194 pages of responsive records. However, information has been withheld pursuant to Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). Exemption (b)(4) permits the withholding of commercial or financial information that was obtained from a person outside the government and that is privileged or confidential. The withholding of such information is permitted if disclosure is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the person who submitted the information. We are withholding a bank checking account number.

Additionally, information has been withheld pursuant to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would clearly constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we withheld third party names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

Agency employees informed this office that no records were located for the daily or total costs for the pursuit of wolves because WS does not track expenses on a daily basis. In addition, ODFW has not been billed for the work performed.



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You may appeal our partial denial and/or no records determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

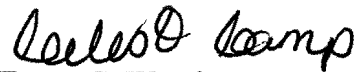
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Please refer to FOIA 10-514 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Due to the delayed processing of your request, all fees have been waived. Should you have questions, please contact Lyndia Taylor of this staff at (301) 734-0597.

Sincerely,

for 
Tonya G. Woods
Director

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