



July 6, 2011

SENT VIA EMAIL

Tom Knudson
The Sacramento Bee
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Dear Mr. Knudson:

This is in response to your May 6, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all animal action reports for wildlife services taken in California during 2009 and 2010. Your request was received on May 11, 2011, and assigned case number 11-484.

The Office of Wildlife Services conducted a search of their files and located the enclosed 266 pages of responsive reports. Portions of the records have withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), as it is exempt from disclosure by another statute. Pursuant to Section 1619 of the Farm bill, we have withheld the names and property locations of private landowners and/or cooperators. This same information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, and you may hold your appeal in abeyance until your final response is received. Your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to: Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Ag Box 3401, Washington, DC 20250-3401. Please refer **FOIA 11-484**, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

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