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Ms. Greta Anderson
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REF: FWS-2015-01483

Dear Ms. Anderson:

This letter is in regard to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 24, 2015 for:

1. *"Any and all documents before the agency regarding, relating or in any way relevant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's September 21, 2015 decision that Greater sage-grouse is Not Warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act, a.k.a. the "Project Record," or "Administrative Record," for the period between the last "Not Warranted" finding, March 5, 2010, and September 21, 2015's determination."*

On May 19, 2016 we sent you a partial response. On September 14, 2016 we began a "rolling release" of responsive documents. We anticipate providing additional partial releases to you every Tuesday until our FOIA response is complete. Enclosed you will find a CD containing three hundred and twenty-five (325) documents responsive to your request, which are being released to you in their entirety.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Service concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and the Service's response.

Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the Service will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Carrie Hyde-Michaels; Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy; 703-358-2291.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 303-236-4218, by email at jennifer_sturdivant@fws.gov, or by mail at 134 Union Blvd, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Sturdivant
Greater Sage-grouse FOIA Manager