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Stacey Cummins
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Dear Ms. Cummins:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request copies of the following records:

- Any and all budget forms prepared by Regina Martinez, budget analyst in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Denver Office, concerning the National Bison Range's budget allocation from 2010 to the present.
- Any and all budget summaries prepared by National Bison Range budget analyst Karen Shoemaker from 2010 to the present, with information for the Bison Range itself and for the other units in the National Bison Range Complex separated if possible.
- Any and all documentation concerning the "AFA Placeholder Account" in which funds from the National Bison Range's Fiscal Year 2015 base allocation were placed, and where those funds were spent.
- Any and all notes, slides, informational handouts, etc. from a meeting that took place in either August, September or October of 2015 between leadership of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 6, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the National Bison Range Complex concerning an Annual Funding Agreement for the National Bison Range.
- Any "last and best offer" for an Annual Funding Agreement made by the tribes and/or the Fish and Wildlife Service after that meeting, as permitted by 25 CFR § 1000.179
- The written explanation that the Fish and Wildlife Service was required to give to the Tribes in the event it rejected that offer under 25 CFR § 1000.179 (b).
- Any and all requests by former National Bison Range Project Leader Jeff King to fill vacant positions at the Bison Range in 2016, and regional leadership's response(s).
- Any and all proposals submitted to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for a reprogramming of funds away from the National Bison Range, as required by FWS 253 3.5 C, from 2011 to 2016.

I am requesting these records as a member of the news media. I request a waiver of fees because my interest in the records is not primarily commercial, and disclosure of this information will contribute to the public's understanding of management decisions at the National Bison Range.

I will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I expect a detailed justification for withholding the records. I also request any segregable portions that are not exempt to be disclosed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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