

DOI-FWS-2023-003086 request Details

Due Date: 04/03/2023 Clock Days: 0

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Carlos J Anchondo	Tracking Number	DOI-FWS-2023-003086
Organization	E&E News/POLITICO	Submitted Date	03/03/2023
Requester Has Account	No	Received Date	03/03/2023
Email Address	canchondo@enews.net	Perfected Date	03/06/2023
Phone Number	5125779051	Last Assigned Date	03/03/2023
Fax Number		Assigned To	United States
Address	1000 Wilson Blvd 8th Floor	Last Assigned By	Fish and Wildlife Service
City	Arlington	Request Track	Simple
State/Province	VA	Fee Limit	\$200.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	22209		

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	Yes	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	Media	Perfected Date	03/06/2023
Fee Waiver Requested	No	Acknowledgement Sent Date	03/06/2023
Fee Waiver Status		Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

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Has Description Been Modified

Long Description Modified

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Description Available to the Public

Short Description

Yes

Mountain Valley Pipeline

Additional Information

Relevant park or refuge or site or other location R5 ES

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the
Public?
No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
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No supporting files have been uploaded.

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
Acknowledgement FOIA request DOI-FWS-2023-003086	Mr. Matthew Sullivan	Mr. Carlos J Anchondo	03/06/2023

Dear Mr. Carlos J Anchondo:

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. INSTEAD RESPOND TO THE CONTACT LISTED AT THE END OF THIS EMAIL.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 03/03/2023, and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2023-003086. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Fee Category and Fee

We have classified you as a representative of the **news media**. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)

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Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing, which are processed as soon as practicable. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request falls into the Normal processing track.

Thank you for your interest in the Service. If you have any questions, you may contact us by email at fwhq_foia@fws.gov, or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: FOIA Office; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2023-003086 Submitted

System

Mr. Carlos J
Anchondo

03/03/2023

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

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FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2023-003086 Modified

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03/06/2023

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Other Correspondence

Attached File

File Type

Size (MB)

No correspondence has been created.

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total \$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester N/A
Estimate Required for Payment N/A

Invoices

Sent

Title

Invoice Date

Amount

No invoices have been created.

**Total Amount Billed Which Has
Been Sent To Requester** \$0.00

Payments

Date

Amount

Type

Total Amount Paid

\$0.00

Total Amount Owed

\$0.00

No payments have been added.

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable

RU - Redacted - Unreleasable

**UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the
General Public**

**RR - Redacted - Releaseable to the General
Public**

REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
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No records have been uploaded.

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
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No restricted materials have been added.

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: Media

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justificatio
No Records Found	Search Pending	Stacey Cummins	Cathy Willis	03/06/2023	03/08/2023	2023-03-06T05:00:00.000Z	No	
Description		run eERDMS						
Comments		ran eERDMS search and there were no results						

Existing Comments (0)

Date Created

Last Edited On

User Name

No comments have been added.

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order

Review Outcome

Assigned Reviewer

Review Date

No reviewers have been assigned.
