

DOI-FWS-2022-000375 request Details

Due Date: 11/23/2021 Clock Days: 0

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. Michael Garrity	Tracking Number	DOI-FWS-2022-000375
Organization	Alliance for the Wild Rokcies	Submitted Date	10/23/2021
Requester Has Account	No	Received Date	10/25/2021
Email Address	wildrockies@gmail.com	Perfected Date	10/25/2021
Phone Number	406-459-5936	Last Assigned Date	10/25/2021
Fax Number		Assigned To	Stacey Cummins (United States Fish and Wildlife Service)
Address	P.O. Box 505	Last Assigned By	Stacey Cummins (United States Fish and Wildlife Service)
City	Helena	Request Track	Complex
State/Province	MT	Fee Limit	\$0.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	59624		

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	Yes	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	Other	Perfected Date	10/25/2021
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

I would like an electronic copy of all documents that describe the nature and source of all grizzly conflicts in Teton County, WY within the last 5 years and an electronic copy of all documents that mention grizzly 962 within the last 5 years. To my knowledge, this information is not available from any other federal, state, or public agency required to provide it. In addition, the release of this information will not result in a financial benefit to the Alliance for the Wild Rockies or any individuals, groups, or organizations. As you know, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. We expect to receive all non-exempt portions of the documents that we have requested, and ask that you justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions allowed under the FOI Act. The Alliance for the Wild Rockies reserves the right to appeal a decision to withhold any materials.

Has Description Been Modified Long Description Modified

Yes
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Description Available to the Public Short Description

Yes

Additional Information

Relevant park or refuge or site or other location Denver ES Grizzly Bear Recovery Office

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
FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2022-000375 Submitted	System	Mr. Michael Garrity	10/23/2021

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

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The FOIA request - DOI-FWS-2022-000375 description has been modified. Additional details for this item are as follows:

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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: Other

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Fee Waiver	Stacey Cummins	Stacey Cummins	10/23/2021	10/23/2021		No	

Requester
Justification

I hereby request a fee waiver for all search and duplication fees under the FOIA regulations [5 U.S.C. Sec. 552 (a) (4) (A) and 36 CFR 2.19(c) (1)]. The information requested will benefit the citizens of the United States and is for the purpose of public education and to encourage public debate on important policy issues. The requested information will be made available to the public through the Alliance for the Wild Rockies. The information available through the Alliance's office and is used in press conferences and releases, social media, TV and radio interviews, and regional and national publications, and reaches a significant number of individuals nationwide.

The language of the FOIA clearly indicates that Congress intended fees not to be a barrier to private individuals or public interest organizations seeking access to government records. In addition, the legislative history of the FOIA fee waiver language indicates that Congress intended a liberal interpretation of the phrase "Primarily benefiting the public." This suggests that all fees are to be waived whenever the release of information contributes to public debate on important policy issues. This has recently been affirmed by the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, in *Better Government Association v. Department of State*, 780 F. 2d 86 (D.C. Cir., 1986). In that case, the Court found that under the FOIA, Congress had explicitly recognized the need for non-profit organizations to have free access to government documents and those government agencies cannot impair this free access by charging duplication or search for FOIA information requests (Id. at 89).

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.
