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Via email: [dougpeacock@savetheyellowstonegrizzly.org](mailto:dougpeacock@savetheyellowstonegrizzly.org)

Doug Peacock  
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Dear Mr. Peacock:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated December 23, 2021, and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2022-001303. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You requested the following:

- 1. any electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (“FWP”) and/or the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) concerning the grizzly bear killed near Baker’s Hole Campground (“Grizzly Bear 449”) on April 16, 2021;*
- 2. any documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes discussing Grizzly Bear 449, the incident in which Carl Mock was attacked on April 15, 2021, the decision to kill Grizzly Bear 449, or subsequent investigations into the events surrounding the bear attack on Mock on April 15, 2021 or the killing of Grizzly Bear 449 on April 16, 2021;*
- 3. From April 15, 2021 to the date USFWS conducts this search, any and all records generated in connection with any application from FWP, USFS, or any other person or agency for an Incidental Take Permit (“ITP”) for Grizzly Bear 449, which was killed near Baker’s Hole Campground near West Yellowstone, Montana;*
- 4. any electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the USFWS and FWP concerning the grizzly bear that was relocated from the Whitetail Golf Course north of Stevensville, Montana on October 27, 2018 to the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem;*

5. *any documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes, including but not limited to those between the USFWS and FWP, related to the decision to relocate the grizzly bear captured on the Whitetail Golf Course north of Stevensville, Montana on October 27, 2018 to the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem;*
6. *any electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the USFWS and FWP concerning the grizzly bear that FWP killed on or about May 26, 2021 near Dupuyer, Montana;*
7. *any documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes, including but not limited to those between the USFWS and FWP, concerning the grizzly bear that FWP killed on or about May 26, 2021 near Dupuyer Montana;*
8. *any electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the USFWS and FWP concerning the grizzly bear that FWP killed on or about May 12, 2021 in the Big Snowy Mountains south of Lewistown, Montana;*
9. *any documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes, including but not limited to those between the USFWS and FWP, concerning the grizzly bear that FWP killed on or about May 12, 2021 in the Big Snowy Mountains south of Lewistown, Montana;*
10. *any electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the USFWS and FWP concerning a grizzly bear that was found dead in late November or early December, 2021 near Emigrant, Montana.*
11. *any documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes, including but not limited to those between the USFWS and FWP, concerning the grizzly bear that was found dead in late November or early December, 2021 near Emigrant, Montana.*

### **Response**

This is the first interim response to your request. We are releasing via file share 740 pages of records in their entirety. A secured link to the file share site will be sent to you via email.

We are continuing to review additional records that are responsive to your request. Because this is an interim response to your request, we will provide notice of your appeal rights in our final response letter.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Kendall Elifrits, FWS Information Disclosure Specialist, via email at [FWHQ\\_FOIA@fws.gov](mailto: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.

Sincerely,

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