

FW: [EXTERNAL] DOI-FWS-2022-004157 (Grizzly Bear SSA Communications)

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Tue 7/5/2022 9:17 AM

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Craig and Jennifer-

Please see below. CBD has amended their request to be for the 5 year review and not the SSA. As discussed, the first round of documents will be due July 22, 2022, and everything by August 26, 2022. We can adjust if needed, however we'll need to be sure we're communicating with the requester.

I'm including Jeanette King as she will be the FOIA Coordinator processing this request, and I will assist as necessary.

Thanks!

Stacey

From: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>

Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 8:49 AM

To: FOIA, FWHQ <FWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>; Cummins, Stacey C <stacey_cummins@fws.gov>; Sullivan, Matthew T <matthew_sullivan@fws.gov>

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Hi all,

Per our conversation yesterday about DOI-FWS-2022-004157 (Grizzly Bear SSA Communications), we would like to amend our request to:

From January 1, 2020 to the date FWS conducts this search, the records including and/or mentioning the "Grizzly Bear in the Lower-48 States 5-Year Status Review: Summary and Evaluation" dated March 2021.

Thank you all,

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From: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:39 AM
To: Andrea Zaccardi <azaccardi@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Cc: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOI-FWS-2022-004157 (Grizzly Bear SSA Communications)

OK, sending a meeting invite now. It will come from me (Stacey Cummins).

From: Andrea Zaccardi <azaccardi@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:28 AM
To: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Cc: Ann Brown <abrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOI-FWS-2022-004157 (Grizzly Bear SSA Communications)

Thanks Stacey. I think Ann and I could both do 3pm MT on Thursday.

On Jun 28, 2022, at 10:10 AM, FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov> wrote:

MT. Sorry about that!

From: Andrea Zaccardi <azaccardi@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:00 PM
To: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>; Ann Brown <abrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: DOI-FWS-2022-004157 (Grizzly Bear SSA Communications)

Hi Stacey,

Just to clarify, before I respond to my availability, I had to look up GMT and it apparently stands for Greenwich Mean Time. Is that really what we are using here? Or are these just Mountain Time (MT)?

Thanks,
Andrea

From: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Andrea Zaccardi <azaccardi@biologicaldiversity.org>; Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
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Hello, Andrea-
11A-1P and after 2P GMT on Thursday works for us. Will any of these times work for you? If so, I (or Matt Sullivan) will send a meeting invite.

Thanks,
Stacey

From: Andrea Zaccardi <azaccardi@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:46 AM
To: Ann Brown <abrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
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Hi Stacey,

I believe Ann is out of the office today and unfortunately I have an all-day meeting tomorrow. Could you suggest some times for Wednesday and Thursday?

Thanks,
Andrea

From: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Andrea Zaccardi <azaccardi@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: DOI-FWS-2022-004157 (Grizzly Bear SSA Communications)

Hi Andrea,

Are you free Tuesday to speak with FWS about our Grizzly Bear SSA Communications FOIA? I can't do Monday but I could do Tuesday at 10:00 PST. Times highlighted below are in GMT.

Thanks!
Ann

From: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 12:29 PM
To: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

GMT

Sorry for not clarifying that.

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From: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>
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To: FOIA, FWHQ <FWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

I can check with our requester. Are these times in EST?

From: FOIA, FWHQ <FWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

Hi Ann,

I know it's short notice but would you be able to meet during any of the following times next week:

Monday 6/27: 12-2pm

Tuesday 6/28: 8am-10am or 11am-3pm

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From: FOIA, FWHQ <FWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 11:01 AM
To: Ann Brown <abrown@biologicaldiversity.org>; FOIA, FWHQ <FWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Cc: FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

I sent your prioritization below to the program, however they may want to set up a call with you to discuss your request. In the event they would like a call, what is your availability next week?

Thanks,
Stacey

From: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 4:18 PM
To: FOIA, FWHQ <FWHQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Cc: FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

Thanks Stacey, no problem. If it will expedite the process even more, then yes please separate out the different years for search and release.

Best,

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From: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>
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Hello, Ann-

I actually forgot to change the date from a template I was using. The correct date for determination is September 7, 2022.

If you'd still like us to prioritize on your email below, please let me know.

Thanks, and sorry for the confusion!
Stacey

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From: FOIA, FWHQ <FHWQ_FOIA@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Ann Brown <abrown@biologicaldiversity.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

Hi Ann,

I'll check with our staff and get back to you.

Matt

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From: Ann Brown <ABrown@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 12:50 PM
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Hello,

I noticed the deadline extension and far-off completion date on this one. Would it help expediate processing if you searched for and produced records after publication of the 2021 SSA first (so after Jan. 25, 2021) to the Center first, and then search for and produce the records between Jan 1, 2020 – Jan. 25, 2021 second?

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From: admin@foiaonline.gov <admin@foiaonline.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 1:18 PM
To: FOIA <foia@biologicaldiversity.org>
Cc: fwhq_foia@fws.gov
Subject: Acknowledgment DOI-FWS-2022-004157

Dear Ann Brown:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 06/08/2022, and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2022-004157. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

Fee Category and Fee

We have classified you as an "other-use" requester. As such, we may charge you for some of our search and duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our review costs; you are also entitled to up to 2 hours of search time and 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#).

You have asked us to waive the fees for processing your request. Our FOIA regulations state that bureaus will waive, or partially waive, fees if disclosure of all or part of the information is:

- (1) In the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities, and
- (2) Not primarily in your commercial interest.

See [43 C.F.R. § 2.45\(a\)](#). Our FOIA regulations also provide four specific criteria that are used to determine whether these two requirements are met. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.48\(a\)](#). Your

request meets the requirements, and your fee waiver has been granted.

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Because we will need to search and collect requested records from field facilities and the regional office, we are taking a sixty workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19\(b\)](#). We therefore expect that we will dispatch a determination to you by December 22, 2021. We apologize for this delay in finalizing our decision. You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently assigned track or move the request into a different track (which may have the effect of having it processed more quickly). You also may agree to an alternative time period for processing by communicating with us.

For additional information please feel free to contact us at fwhq_foia@fws.gov or by phone at 916-414-6682.