

United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Washington D.C. 20240

September 23, 2022

Mr. Robert H. Aland 140 Old Green Bay Road Winnetka, IL 60093-1512

Dear Mr. Aland:

This is in regard to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 22, 2022 and assigned tracking number DOI-FWS-2022-005151. Please cite this number in future communications about your request. You requested the following:

All records of every kind and character, including hard-copy and electronic, that relate, directly or indirectly, to the lethal removal in July 2022 of a cub (possibly #1057) of Grizzly Bear 399 in or near Grand Teton National Park or Bridger-Teton National Forest by the Wyoming Game & Fish Department (WGFD) pursuant to authorization by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS). The request includes, but is not limited to, communications involving FWS Region 6 and WGFD; FWS Region 6 and FWS Headquarters; FWS offices within Region 6; FWS and other federal agencies; and FWS and third parties such as non-government agencies and individuals. The request includes, but is not limited to, photographs and notes, memos all other forms of communication.

Response

We are writing to partially respond to your request. We have enclosed thirty-five (35) Adobe PDF files consisting of 106 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety. 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 about our response to your request, you may contact me by phone at 303-236-4473, or by email at stacey cummins@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Stacey Cummins FWS FOIA Coordinator