

DOI-FWS-2022-005571 request Details

Due Date: 09/12/2022 Clock Days: 3

Requester Information

Requester Organization	Daniel Brister Save the Yellowstone Grizzly	Tracking Number	DOI-FWS-2022-005571
Requester Has Account	No	Submitted Date	08/12/2022
Email Address	danb@fergusonlawmt.com	Received Date	08/12/2022
Phone Number	4065322664	Perfected Date	08/12/2022
Fax Number	4065322663	Last Assigned Date	08/12/2022
Address	PO Box 8359	Assigned To	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
City	Missoula	Last Assigned By	
State/Province	MT	Request Track	Complex
Zip Code/Postal Code	59806	Fee Limit	\$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	Yes	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Complex	Request Perfected	Yes
Fee Category	Other	Perfected Date	08/12/2022
Fee Waiver Requested	No	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

Save the Yellowstone Grizzly requests the following information and records:

1. any and all electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and any federal or state agency, including the National Park Service (“NPS”), the U.S. Forest Service (“USFS”), and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (“FWP”) concerning the female grizzly bear killed near Polebridge, MT (“Grizzly Bear # 418” or “Monica”) and her three cubs on or about September 4, 2021;
2. any and all documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes discussing Grizzly Bear # 418 and/or her cubs, including those concerning the behaviors that led to the killings, the decision to lethally remove Grizzly Bear # 418 and her cubs, or subsequent investigations into the events surrounding the removal of Grizzly Bear # 418 and her cubs;
3. any and all records generated between April 15, 2021 to the date FWS conducts this search in connection with any application from any person or agency for an Incidental Take Permit (“ITP”) for Grizzly Bear # 418 and her cubs, which were killed near Polebridge, MT on or about September 4, 2021;
4. any and all electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and any federal or state agency, including the National Park Service (“NPS”), the U.S. Forest Service (“USFS”), and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (“IDFG”) concerning the sow and yearling grizzly bear killed on or about May 21, 2022 and the sow and two cubs killed on or about May 25, 2022, all near Island Park, ID;
5. any and all documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes discussing any of the five grizzly bears killed near Island Park, ID on or about May 21 and May 25, 2022 including those concerning the behaviors that led to the killings, the decision to lethally remove the grizzly bears, or subsequent investigations into the events surrounding the removal of the five grizzly bears near Island Park, ID;
6. any and all records generated between April 15, 2021 to the date FWS conducts this search in connection with any application from any person or agency for an Incidental Take Permit (“ITP”) for any of the five grizzly bears killed near Island Park, ID on or about May 21 and May 25, 2022;
7. any and all electronic communications, records of phone calls, or other correspondence between the USFWS and any federal or state agency, including the National Park Service (“NPS”), the U.S. Forest Service (“USFS”), and the FWP concerning the grizzly bears that were captured, killed, and/or relocated from near Columbia Falls, MT, Lupfer Meadows, and/or the Blankenship area on or about July 10, 2022, including the adult sow grizzly bear, two subadult male grizzly bears, and the two cubs that were relocated to the Rivendale Wildlife Sanctuary in Bulgaer, PA;
8. any and all documents including notes, reports, communications, or meeting minutes discussing any of the grizzly bears that were captured, killed, and/or relocated from near Columbia Falls, MT, Lupfer Meadows, and/or the Blankenship area on or about July 10, 2022, including the adult sow grizzly bear, two subadult male grizzly bears, and the two cubs that were relocated to the Rivendale Wildlife Sanctuary in Bulgar, PA including those concerning the behaviors that led to the killings, the decision to lethally remove the grizzly bears, or subsequent investigations into the events surrounding the capture and removal of these grizzly bears;
9. any and all records generated between June 15, 2022 to the date FWS conducts this

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Has Description Been Modified
Long Description Modified

Yes

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Description Available to the Public
Short Description

Yes

Grizzly Bear 418

Additional Information

Relevant park or refuge or site or other location R6 ES

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
Yes

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
FOIA Request confirmation #424851.pdf	0.0071	Adobe PDF Document

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-2022-005571 Modified	System	Daniel Brister	08/17/2022

The FOIA request - DOI-FWS-2022-005571 description has been modified. Additional details for this item are as follows:

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 - Requester: Daniel Brister
 - Submitted Date: 08/12/2022
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FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2022-005571 Submitted

System

Daniel Brister

08/12/2022

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

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- Date Submitted: 08/12/2022
- Request Status: Submitted
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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	FWS	Daniel Brister	08/12/2022	08/12/2022		No	

Requester
Justification

Save the Yellowstone Grizzly requests a fee waiver for all search and duplication fees under the FOIA regulations 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and 7 CFR § 1.5. A fee waiver and release of the information and records requested will benefit the people of the United States by fostering public understanding of government activities and encouraging public involvement in important policy and management issues.

The released information and records are for the public's benefit and in the public's interest and will be made available to the public through Save the Yellowstone Grizzly's office, website, and media contacts. Information and records available to Save the Yellowstone Grizzly are used in press releases and press conferences, television, radio, and newspaper interviews, magazine articles, books, documentary films, in public meetings before legislative bodies, and is shared online through a variety of media that reaches the public nationwide. All of these activities significantly contribute to public understanding of government operations and activities relating to grizzly bear management.

The language of the Freedom of Information Act clearly indicates the U.S. Congress intended fees not to be a barrier to private individuals or public interest organizations seeking access to government information and records. In addition, the legislative history of the FOIA fee waiver language indicates the U.S. Congress intended a liberal interpretation of the phrase "primarily benefiting the public." This suggested that all fees are to be waived whenever the release of information contributes to public debate on important public policy and management issues. This standard has been affirmed by the U.S. 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 *Better Government*, the D.C. Circuit found that under the Freedom of Information Act, the U.S. Congress 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 fees for Freedom of Information Act Requests. *Id.* at 89.

Save the Yellowstone Grizzly ("STYG") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, public interest organization which provides updated information and news reports about grizzly bears to people in all 50 states, to broadcast networks and news media outlets in the United States and abroad, and to various local, regional, and international communities.

In responding to our Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request, STYG

requests the agency to reduce costs and waste by providing the information and records in electronic PDF or Word format on a web site for downloading or on thumb drive or CD/DVD that can be mailed to the address below.

Existing Comments (1)

Date Created	Last Edited On	User Name
2022-08-12T23:20:04.608Z	2022-08-12T23:20:04.608Z	Daniel Brister
Comment	This request was created via FOIA.gov. Additional Properties are below. Foia.gov Request Id: 425381 Requester Category: Representative of the news media	

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order

Review Outcome

Assigned Reviewer

Review Date

No reviewers have been assigned.
