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REF: DOI-FWS-2023-004473

Dear Ms. Brown:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters FOIA Office received your request dated May 10, 2023 and assigned tracking number FWS-2023-004473. Please refer to tracking number in communications regarding this request. You requested the following:

From the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") Region 2 from April 20, 2023 to the date FWS conducts this search, all records mentioning, including, and/or generated in connection to the SpaceX Starship Super Heavy launch from Boca Chica, Texas on April 20, 2023 ("SpaceX launch"), including but not limited to: any analysis(es) of the launch, the explosion of the rocket and/or the destruction of the launch pad; any communications within FWS documenting the agency's response; and any communications with federal agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") regarding the same.

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](#). After taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, and that our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.37\(g\)](#).

Because there is no billable cost to process your request, there is no need to address your fee waiver request.

Multitrack Processing

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that would generally take one to five workdays to process. The Normal track is for requests that would

generally take six to twenty workdays to process. The Complex track is for requests that would generally take twenty-one to sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that would generally take more than sixty workdays to process. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing, which are processed as soon as practicable. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request falls into the Normal processing track. Your request falls into the Simple processing track.

Response

We writing to respond to your request. We have identified twenty-two documents (83 pages) responsive to your request which are being released to you in their entirety. You can access the documents by following this ShareFile link:

<https://files.share.fws.gov/?linkid=KZi4zr6VWWU7W8NrFUEykKblP3bqNOIy8YDODS6ncAGbVD1eJ6puDg>

Mediation/Dispute Resolution

If after contacting us as described below, you need further information or assistance with your request, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Jones by email at doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov.

If you need further information or assistance after contacting the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created the OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See [5 U.S.C. 552\(c\)](#). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This is our final response and closes your request DOI-FWS-2023-004473. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me by email at monika_malnowicz@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,

Monika Malnowicz
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