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February 2, 2018

Letter via email at: ccolligan@greateryellowstone.org

Hard copy and documents via regular mail to:
Chris Colligan
Wildlife Program Coordinator
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
P.O. Box 4857
Jackson, WY 83001

REF: FWS-2016-01121

Dear Mr. Colligan,

This letter is in regard to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 18, 2016 for *"all correspondence, including emails, memoranda, meeting notes, and agreements of any kind and any related or attached documents internal to the* ***U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*** *or between officials in* ***the Regional Offices in Missoula and Denver, or the Washington Office*** *with officials from the* ***National Park Service****, or the States of* ***Wyoming****,* ***Idaho****, and* ***Montana*** *related to removing the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (FWS-R6-ES-2016-0042). Specifically, we are requesting any information regarding the draft Revised Demographic Recovery Criteria, proposed mortality thresholds, draft Memorandum of Agreement regarding the management and allocation of discretionary mortality for grizzly bear, or the draft 2016 Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy."*

We are enclosing two (2) DVDs containing four-thousand forty (4340) documents responsive to your request, which are being released to you in their entirety. We are continuing to review additional documents that may be responsive to your request. Once that review is complete, we will send you our final response.

You may appeal this partial response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Service's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Service concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and the Service's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the Service will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

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

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.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Carrie Hyde-Michaels; Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy; 703-358-2291.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 303-236-4473, by email at Stacey_Cummins@fws.gov, or by mail at 134 Union Blvd, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

Sincerely,

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Stacey Cummins
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Enclosures