

## United States Department of the Interior



## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Mountain-Prairie Region

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REF: FWS-2016-01202

Dear Ms. Rogers:

This letter is in regard to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 15, 2016 for "all emails sent or received between May 1, 2016 and September 15, 2016 which contain the words "grizzly" or "bear" or "hunting" by Matt Hogan, assistant regional director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Mountain-Prairie Region."

We are enclosing sixteen (16) documents (181 pages) responsive to your request, which are being released to you in their entirety.

You may appeal this 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

Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor 1849 C Street, N.W. MS-6556 MIB Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339 Fax: (202) 208-6677 Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

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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: <a href="https://ogis.archives.gov">https://ogis.archives.gov</a>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
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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.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See* <u>5 U.S.C. 552(c)</u>. 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.

This is our only and final response, and closes your request, FWS-2016-01202. 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,

Stacey Cummins Region 6 FOIA Coordinator

**Enclosures**