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September 15, 2017

Wendy Keefover, Native Carnivore Protection Manager
The Humane Society of the United States
700 Professional Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

REF: FWS-2017-01157

Dear Ms. Keefover:

This letter is in regard to your request on January 19, 2017 for *“all documents in raw or summary, hard-copy or digital form, barring specific geospatial locations of live grizzly bears, and held by the USGS IGBST, USGS, or US Fish & Wildlife Service be made freely and readily available to the US public. In addition we request that all geospatial locations of live grizzly bears be released and made freely available to the US public upon publication of a final rule by the US Fish & Wildlife Service to remove Endangered Species Act Protections from the Yellowstone grizzly bear DPS.*

These requested data include, but are not restricted to, all that were used in analyses reported in the published research papers listed below on which federal government scientists, managers, or other employees were primary or subsidiary authors. These data include raw data, data compiled in electronic databases, derivative intermediate electronic databases that include the results of intermediate analytic steps, metadata, and any other annotations that explain the raw data and compiled or derivative databases. These data include not only those collected from captured, radio-marked and monitored, and unmarked grizzly bears, but also data used to spatially and temporally represent the environment of Yellowstone grizzly bears.”

We are enclosing one (1) DVD containing two-hundred twenty-two (222) documents (646 pages) responsive to your request, which are being released to you in their entirety. We are reviewing an additional five (5) documents for potential withholding in part under exemption 3, National Parks Omnibus and Management Act of 1998. 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 Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) 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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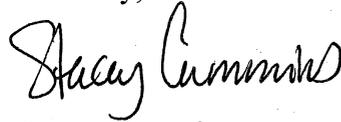
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You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Carrie Hyde-Michaels; Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy; 703-358-2291.

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,



Stacey Cummins
Region 6 FOIA Coordinator

Enclosure