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REF: FWS-2018-00099

Ms. Townsend:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 23, 2017, requesting “*FWS’s final completed Canada Lynx biological opinion pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544 (“ESA”) for the Biological Assessment for Canada Lynx Critical Habitat Northern Rockies Lynx Management Direction, submitted June 30, 2017 by the U.S. Forest Service.*”

We have assigned your request tracking number FWS-2018-00099. Please refer to this number in communications regarding your request.

Enclosed is one (1) document (47 pages) which is being released to you in its entirety.

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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.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See *43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)*. Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request, and there is no need for us to address your request for a fee waiver.

This is our final response and closes your request, FWS-2018-00099. If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 303-236-4325, by email at fw6\_foia@fws.gov, or by mail at 134 Union Blvd, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

Sincerely,

*for* Stacey Cummins  
Region 6 FOIA Coordinator

cc: Ann Brown, CBD

Enclosure (provided to Ann Brown in a separate email on 11/29/2017)