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September 8, 2020

Via email: <u>bishop@westernlaw.org</u>

Matthew Bishop Western Environmental Law Center 103 Reeder's Alley Helena, Montana 59601

REF: FWS-2020-00098

Dear Mr. Bishop:

This letter is in regards to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated October 31, 2019 for the following FOIA FWS-2020-00098 for the following:

"All documents and information related to the Service's preparation of a final SSA for wolverine. This includes, but is not limited to, all inter-agency and intra-agency communications (including correspondence with state wildlife agencies) including letters, emails, phone records, phone logs, meeting notes, memos, white papers, policy papers, and any other documents or information (and drafts of such documents and information) related to the final SSA for wolverine."

We are writing to partially respond to your request. With this partial response, we are providing 4,293 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety. We are continuing to review additional records that are responsive to your request.

As provided in our December 13, 2019, letter to you, you may file an appeal regarding our delay in making a final determination on your request. We apologize for this delay. We hope that you will wait so that we can complete our review process.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Stacey Cummins by email at fwhq_foia@fws.gov, or by mail at the following address: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: Stacey Cummins; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,

Stacey Cummins FWS FOIA Coordinator