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December 17, 2009

Ms. Susan Rhem-Westhoff
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Dear Ms. Rhem-Westhoff:

This is in response to your October 1, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of all correspondence and support documentation between the City of Grand Haven, Michigan and APHIS, in regards to the culling of deer. Your request was received in this office on October 1, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-001. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed are 33 pages of responsive records. However, some information is being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2). Exemption 2 (high) protects from disclosure information concerning internal matters of a substantial nature, which, if disclosed, would risk the circumvention of a statute or agency regulation. We withheld location information.

Additionally, information is being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We withheld the identity of third party individuals.

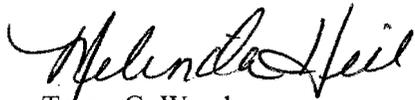
You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following address within 45 days of the date of this letter:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-001 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Janice Shipman of my staff at (301) 734-0490.

Sincerely,

for 
Tonya G. Woods
Director
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