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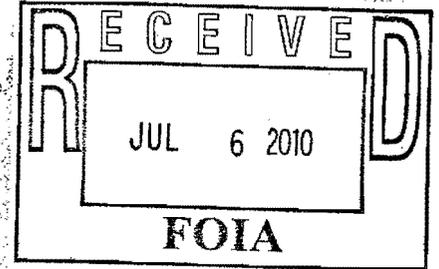
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Subject FOIA Request: Beaver Trapping in Shasta and Scott Watersheds

July 2, 2010

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Director, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Staff  
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Dear APHIS,

I would like to request copies of documents and records regarding the number of beavers taken by federal trapping practices in the Scott Valley and Shasta River watersheds in California over the last ten years (2000-2010). I also request documents and records of funding allocated for federal beaver taking and trapping over the last ten years (2000-2010).

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This FOIA request is per 5 U.S.C. § 552. I understand this information can be sent via email or readily burned onto a CD or DVD, and request an electronic copy.

Fee Waiver:

We emphasize that this request applies to all described documents whose disclosure is not expressly prohibited by law. If you should seek to prevent disclosure of any of the requested records, we request that you: (i) identify each such document with particularity (including title, subject, date, author, recipient, and parties copied), (ii) explain in full the basis on which non-disclosure is sought, and (iii) provide us with any segregable portions of the records for which you do not claim a specific exemption.

Release of this information will benefit the public, which has an interest in knowing whether and to what extent APHIS is satisfying its statutory and regulatory requirements. KS Wild will use the requested information to further the public's understanding of APHIS management by disseminating the information through its newsletter, website, and media contacts to our members and private citizens in Oregon and beyond.

KS Wild also requests that you waive any applicable fees because the requested material is clearly in the "public interest." This request complies with 5 U.S.C. § 552 because the furnished information will be used to inform the public of how the federal government is managing the public lands. These documents concern the operations and activities of APHIS. The release of these documents will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of APHIS's legal responsibilities and inform the public as to whether the agency has complied with its duties. KS Wild disseminates information obtained via the FOIA using a vast array of diverse and highly effective channels, including: KS Wild's web site and newsletter; newspaper,

radio, and other media contacts; presentations and lectures at public events; Board meetings; non-newsletter mailings; the KS Wild email list serve; grassroots public educational efforts such as field work parties and organized field trips; information-sharing with both member and non-member volunteers in the field who are interested in particular projects or geographic areas; and as a coalition member of the several regional and national campaigns, including the Oregon Wild Campaign and the NW Old Growth Forest Campaign. Finally, KS Wild has no commercial interest in these documents.

If for some reason the fee waiver is denied, KS Wild reserves the right to appeal such decision. However, KS Wild anticipates that the agency will make the requested materials available within the statutorily prescribed period. Access to the records should be granted within twenty working days from your receipt of this request. Failure to respond in a timely manner shall be viewed as a denial of this request.

If you have any questions or require more information to rule on the fee waiver request, please feel free to contact me at the phone number below. Thank you in advance for your prompt reply.

Thank you,

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