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Animal and  
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Inspection  
Service

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

Legislative and  
Public Affairs

This is the second partial and final response to your August 24, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

Freedom of  
Information

4700 River Road  
Unit 50  
Riverdale, MD  
20737-1232

- Copies of all records related to the locations of where culls of Canada geese will occur in 2011.
- Copies of all records related to the dates where culls of Canada geese populations will occur in 2011.
- Copies of all expenses associated with culling operations of Canada geese in 2009. This includes costs incurred for staff, travel time, etc.
- Copies of all contracts between the USDA Wildlife Services (WS) and municipalities applying for permits to cull Canada geese, from January 1, 2008 to the date in which this request is processed.

Your request was received in this office on August 24, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-639. We apologize for the delay in this request.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 251 pages of responsive documents concerning Canada geese. These documents consist of Wildlife Services Cooperative Agreements and Work and Financial Plans. However, information has been withheld pursuant to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would clearly constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically we have withheld private cooperators names, addresses, and phone numbers.

From the date this search was conducted, WS had not assigned any work to be done in calendar year 2011. Therefore, no responsive records were located for bullets one or two.

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

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401



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FOIA 10-639

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Please refer to FOIA 10-639 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial determination is warranted.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Due to the delay in processing your request, the fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lyndia Taylor of my staff at 301-734-0597.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonya G. Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Tonya G. Woods  
Director  
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act  
Legislative and Public Affairs

Enclosure



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February 25, 2011

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Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

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This is the first partial response to your August 24, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

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Your request was received in this office on August 24, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-639.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 249 pages of responsive documents concerning Canada geese. These documents consist of Wildlife Services Cooperative Agreements, Work and Financial Plans, Invoices, and Bills of Collection. However, information has been withheld pursuant to Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would clearly constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically we have withheld private cooperators names, addresses, and phone numbers.

From the date this search was conducted, WS had not assigned any work to be done in calendar year 2011. Therefore, no responsive records were located for bullets one or two.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information or you may hold your appeal in abeyance until your final response is received. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

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Due to the delay in processing your request, the fees have been waived.

We will also continue to send you partial releases of the information you requested. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lyndia Taylor of my staff at 301-734-0597.

Sincerely,

  
Tonya G. Woods

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