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Dear Mr. Cole:

Freedom of  
Information

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Riverdale, MD  
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This is in response to your September 1, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records generated since August 5, 2010, for records regarding USDA APHS, Wildlife Service's activities related to the gray wolf in Idaho. Your request received in this office on September 2, 2010, and assigned FOIA 10-655. We apologize for the delay of this response.

The Office of Wildlife Services located a total of 612 pages of records. We have enclosed the responsive records on the enclosed CD-ROM. Information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), as its exempt from disclosure by another statute. Pursuant to Section 1619 of the Farm bill, we have withheld the names and addresses of private landowners and/or cooperators. This same information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we have withheld the names, personal home addresses and telephone numbers of private landowners and cooperators.

Information has also been withheld under FOIA Exemptions 5. Under the attorney-client privilege of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), we have withheld 12 pages. This exemption affords protection "confidential communications between an attorney and his client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice.

In addition, we withheld other information within the records such as the identities of non-government individuals and cell phone numbers, under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Exemption 6 permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

During our review, we found 51 pages that originated at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). We have referred those pages to USFWS for their review and direct response to you. Also, our review discovered three pages that originated at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (FS). These pages have been referred to the FS for their review and direct response to you. The contact information for the USFWS and FS is listed at the bottom of this letter.

Finally, the remaining pages were not provided as they are duplicate copies of the documents which are enclosed or have been referred.



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

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

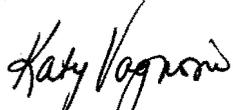
Please refer to FOIA 10-655 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

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.

If you have questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at 301-734-8296.

Thank you for patience.

Sincerely,



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Director  
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cc: FWS/FOIA  
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