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Freedom of
Information

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Dear

This is in response to your January 11, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

1. USDA/NEPA appeal regulations that would apply to environmental assessments (EA) prepared for the predator management program in Nevada.
2. Copies of any correspondence to APHIS-ADC Nevada/Nevada Wildlife Program Services (NWPS) with dates ranging from January 7, 2007 through December 31, 2008 from Empire Ranch Golf Course and Eagle Valley Golf Course in Carson City, Nevada asking for information on or assistance in hazing and/or removing wild or other geese from those golf courses.
3. Copies of correspondence to Empire Ranch Golf Course and Eagle Valley Golf Course in Carson City, Nevada with dates ranging from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 from APHIS-ADC Nevada/NWPS providing information on or agreement to haze and/or remove wild or other geese from those golf courses.
4. Copies of APHIS-ADC Nevada/NWPS records regarding numbers of wild or other geese immobilized within dates ranging from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 and disposition of any such geese that were immobilized during this time period on Empire Ranch Golf Course and Eagle Valley Golf Course in Carson City, Nevada.

Your request was received in this office on January 14, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-192. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located three documents that are responsive to your request. However, information is being withheld under 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. Specifically, third party names are being withheld under this exemption.

Wildlife Services has advised this office that the NEPA appeal regulations that apply to EAs prepared for the predator management program in Nevada do not exist and APHIS does not have any documents responsive to this portion of your request. Furthermore, no records were located for item numbers 2 and 4 of your request.

FOIA 11-192

You may appeal our partial denial and findings of no records 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 11-192 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.

Due to the delay of processing your request, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,



Ja: Tonya Woods
Director
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Enclosures