



United States
Department of
Agriculture

July 28, 2011

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Tom Knudson
The Sacramento Bee
2100 Q Street
Sacramento, California 95852

Legislative and
Public Affairs

Freedom of
Information

Dear Mr. Knudson:

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

This is in response to your June 23, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all Quarterly Narratives submitted by Wildlife Services (WS) State Directors in California, Nevada, Idaho and Oregon to their Regional Office pursuant to WS Directive 4.205, dating from October 1, 2009, to the present. Your request was received in this office on June 30, 2011, and was assigned case number FOIA 11-606.

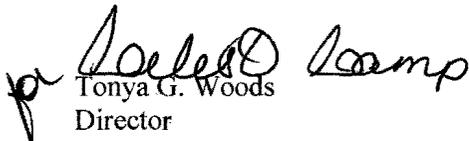
Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and have advised the FOIA office that the WS Directive specifically states, "At the discretion of the appropriate Regional Director, State Directors will provide to their Regional Office a quarterly narrative reporting the preceding quarter's notable WS activities within their area of responsibility." The Regional Director over the states in question does not require Quarterly Narratives. Therefore, we have no records responsive to this request.

You may appeal our no records determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

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

Please refer to FOIA 11-606 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 initial decision is warranted. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at (301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,


Tonya G. Woods

Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
Legislative and Public Affairs