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September 15, 2011

Tom Knudson

Sent Via Email

Dear Mr. Knudson:

This is in response to your August 15, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all documents pertaining to the non-target take of one wolverine in Idaho in 2010 in a Wildlife Services foothold trap as reported on APHIS's website. Your request was received in this office on August 15, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-753.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located four pages of documents responsive to your request. Please note that information has been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), as it is exempt from disclosure by another statute. Pursuant to Section 1619 of the Farm bill, we have withheld the property and the agreement owners identities. 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.

You may appeal our partial denial 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, DC 20250-3401

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-753 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than $25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Sophie Lau-Lopez of my staff at (301) 734-5360.

Sincerely,

for Tonya G. Woods
Director
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