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

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Mr. Knudson:

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This is in response to your August 18, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all field diaries completed by Wildlife Services (WS) personnel related to the management and removal of beavers in Elk Grove, California dating from January 1, 2007 to the present. Your request was received in this office on August 26, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-831.

Freedom of
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and WS has advised the FOIA office that WS personnel involved in the management and removal of beaver in Elk Grove, California does not use field diaries. Therefore, we have no records responsive to this request.

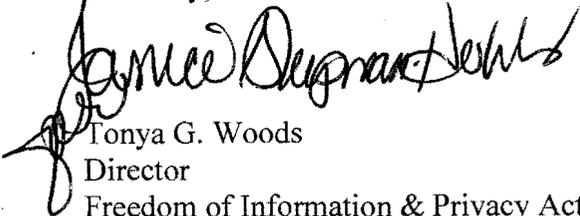
You may appeal our no records determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

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

Please refer to FOIA 11-831 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.

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. Deborah L. Leilich of my staff at (301) 734-3623.

Sincerely,



Tonya G. Woods
Director
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