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Wendy Keefover-Ring
WildEarth Guardians
1536 Wynkoop, Ste. 301
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Ms. Keefover-Ring:

This is in response to your October 26, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all documents from the State of Oregon since 2003 concerning aerial gunning of coyotes and other native carnivores for purposes of ungulate recruitment and all relevant environmental analyses for killing mammalian carnivores for the purpose of ungulate recruitment. Specifically, you seek documents concerning grants to USDA APHIS's Wildlife Services from the Oregon Hunters Association. Your request was received in this office on October 26, 2009, and assigned case number 10-045. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Wildlife Services' conducted a search of their files and located the enclosed 175 pages on CD-ROM. Pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4), we have withheld the banking information of the Oregon Hunters Association. Exemption 4 permits the government to protect financial information. Also, information has been 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.

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, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-045 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please 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.

Wendy Keefover-Ring
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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. Should you have questions, please contact [redacted] of this staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,



for:

Celeste Camp
Acting Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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