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Wendy Keefover-Ring
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Wild Earth Guardians
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Dear Ms. Keefover-Ring:

This is in response to your December 16, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all documents specifically all communications between the USDA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, about the "death of wolf 314F in Spring 2009 in Colorado." You also request that the USDA "disclose whether it was using sodium cyanide M-44s or other toxicants in the vicinity where wolf 314F's body was found." Your request was received on December 23, 2009, and assigned FOIA 10-156.

Agency employees conducted a search of their files and located 51 pages responsive to your request. The pages are on the enclosed CD-ROM. However, 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. Specifically, we have withheld the names and personal email addresses of non-governmental individuals.

The enclosed records represent all records found responsive to your request. Also, the FOIA is a records statute which does not require the Government to answer questions or create records in response to requests.

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 10-156 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.

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 of this staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,



for:

Celeste Camp
Acting Director
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