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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Linda L. Lewis

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Dear Ms. Lewis:

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

This is the response to your July 9, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all documents in connection with the actions of USDA, Wildlife Services on June 23, 2010, with respect to rounding up and euthanizing 21 Canada geese and their goslings on Lake Todd in Bradford, New Hampshire, as well as an additional 40 on Ammonoosuc River in Lisbon, New Hampshire. Your request was received in this office on August 2, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-603. We apologize for the delay of this response.

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 27 pages of responsive records. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information from disclosure when its release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership or corporation from whom the information was obtained. We have withheld financial information.

Additionally, information is being 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 withheld third party names, phone numbers, e-mail and home addresses.

You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following office within 45 days of the date of this letter. Please send to:

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

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 10-603 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.

Due to the delayed processing of your request, all fees have been waived. Should you have questions, please contact Janice Shipman of my staff at (301) 734-0490.

Sincerely,


Tonya G. Woods
Director
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