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**FOIA REQUEST/ POLE TRAPS AND RAPTORS IN CALIFORNIA**

June 23, 2011

Dear Ms. Woods:

Pursuant to the **U.S. Freedom of Information Act**, I hereby request copies of certain documents maintained by USDA Wildlife Services.

In particular, I'm writing to request additional information about two Cooper's hawks, one American kestrel, one barn owl and one red-tailed hawk reported intentionally killed with pole traps and raptor traps (Swedish goshawk) in California in your agency's on-line report: Table G. Animals Taken by Component/Method Type and Fate by Wildlife Services in California – FY 2009. I am requesting copies of all Wildlife Services documents pertaining to the taking of those five birds, including but not limited to Reportable Animal Action Reports (if any), emails and internal reports and correspondence.

Because the information sought by this request is in the public interest, I ask that you waive all fees in providing this information. If, however, you decline, I am prepared to pay costs but ask that you inform me if you expect such costs to exceed \$200.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at

Sincerely,

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