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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Mr. Knudson:

Legislative and
Public Affairs

This is in response to your August 13, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all reportable animal actions reports and field diaries completed by Nevada WS trapper Ben Miller for the time period January 1, 2008 to present. Your request was received in this office on August 15, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-757. We apologize for the delay of the processing of your request.

Freedom of
Information

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Wildlife Services' employees conducted a thorough search of their files and the enclosed CD-ROM contains 71 pages of responsive records. However, personal privacy information such as names and addresses have 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. The release of this information will not shed any light on Government operations. Specifically, we have withheld the names of contact people, veterinarians, and cooperators including personal telephones.

In addition, Ben Miller only maintains a field diary for the current year. The field diary is a draft document which is not required to be maintained past data entry (data entry meaning a MIS work task which can then be queried through a report).

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. 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, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-757 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.

The fees pertaining to this request have been waived. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Mr. Robbie Perry of my staff on (301) 734-8696.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods
Director
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Enclosure



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