

Exhibit I



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FOIA Response BLM-2020-00631

FOIA, BLM_WY <BLM_WY_FOIA@blm.gov>

Tue, Aug 4, 2020 at 6:49 AM

To: Deb Coffey <debbiecoffey1234@gmail.com>

Cc: "brieanah@americanwildhorsecampaign.org" <brieanah@americanwildhorsecampaign.org>

Please see the revised response to FOIA request BLM-2020-00631, thank you.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office

Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming

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From: Deb Coffey <debbiecoffey1234@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 2:50 PM**To:** FOIA, BLM_WY <BLM_WY_FOIA@blm.gov>**Cc:** brieanah@americanwildhorsecampaign.org <brieanah@americanwildhorsecampaign.org>**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: FOIA Response BLM-2020-00631

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Dear BLM WY FOIA,

I did not see information within the response letter regarding where I could send an Appeal. Could you please provide me with information regarding where to send an Appeal?

Thank you.

Best regards,
Debbie Coffey

On Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 9:58 AM FOIA, BLM_WY <BLM_WY_FOIA@blm.gov> wrote:

Please see the attached letter and record in response to FOIA request BLM-2020-00631.

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2 attachments



FINAL Response 2020-00631 (2).pdf

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August 4, 2020

via USPS and
EMS Transmission at:
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Brieanah Schwartz
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Marshall, VA 20115

Dear Requester:

We are writing to respond to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Wyoming (WY).

We have enclosed 2 pages that were responsive to your request which are being released to you in part. Portions of these materials are being withheld under the following FOIA Exemptions. This concludes BLM's response to your request.

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). We are withholding one page in part under Exemption 6.

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about an individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about an individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information

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is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, such as the name of a private individual in which BLM conducted discussions with external banking institutions and we have determined that the individual to whom this information pertains has a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, you have not provided information that explains a relevant public interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information and we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure of records within FOIA Exemptions 6 would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure, and would have a chilling effect on discussions, hasty or uninformed decision-making processes, and cause public confusion.

You were previously approved for a fee waiver, therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

Duane Spencer, Acting State Director, is responsible for this partial denial. Benjamin Leoni, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, was consulted.

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal "**no later than 90 workdays**" from the date of this final response. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. **Your appeal must be made in writing.** You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe this response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and BLM concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and this response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and BLM will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. 5 U.S.C. 552(e) This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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National Archives and Records Administration
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College Park, MD 20740-6001
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Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact the BLM Wyoming FOIA Office at 307-775-6180, by fax at 307-775-6082 or by mail at 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009.

Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

Sincerely,

Nathan E. Wallace
Deputy State Director
Division of Support Services

Wyoming State Office

Enclosure
cc: Debbie Coffey, AWHC

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CONVERSATION RECORD

Date/Time:

11/3/19

Type: In Office Visit In Field Visit Conference Incoming Telephone Outgoing Telephone

Location of visit/conference: *Phone - Las Vegas*

Name of Person in contact with you:

Organization or Office:

Telephone Number:

Todd Peterson

307-532-2182

Subject: *WFP Pinnacle Bank*

Teri Stamira Base Property Control

Summary:

June 18

- *May 1* (b) (6) *base control of base property*
- *If it hasn't sold the bank will have control of base property until it sells.*

State leases: Burn info to Todd Peterson@pinnaclebank.com

Bank may have Teri run another persons cases until its sold, I told him I would recommend but he could always submit a sublease and see if the FM approves, bc Teri may not be a qualified applicant.

Said he could take over until he has pay. Said he would look into it, said he would keep in touch to know how we move

Action Required:

Follow up after May 1

Name and Title of Individual Documenting Conversation:

Signature:

Date:

Stacy Thompson

[Signature]

11/3/19

Action Taken:

Signature:

Title:

Date:

Forward after May!