

**Exhibit 9**



## United States Department of the Interior



### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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5353 Yellowstone Road  
Cheyenne, WY 82009  
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In Reply Refer To:  
1278 (950/FOIA)  
DOI-BLM-2022-001554

January 18, 2022

*Certified Mail:* 7021 1970 0000 5814 4229

Brieanah Schwartz  
C/o American Wild Horse Campaign  
7137 Wilson Road  
Marshall, VA 20115

Dear Ms Schwartz:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming (WY) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your request dated January 13, 2022 and assigned it control number DOI-BLM-2022-001554. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You have requested the following from BLM:

*American Wild Horse Campaign (AWHC) requests the following records, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):*

- 1) All records that discuss or describe Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA), or the grazing allotments that the BLM has authorized RSGA to use, that are to be maintained in any Allotment/Management Files, Parts 1 – 6, as set forth in BLM Handbook H-4010-1: Rangeland Management Records.*
- 2) All records that discuss or describe Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA) grazing allotments or management - Allotment Management, Objectives, Goals*
- 3) All records that discuss or describe Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA) grazing allotments or management Activity Plans - Allotment Management Plan (AMP), Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP), Habitat Management Plan (HMP)*
- 4) All records that discuss or describe Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA) grazing allotments or management - Allotment Map, Monitoring Plans, Range Improvement Cross-Reference List*
- 5) All records that discuss or describe Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA) grazing allotments or management - supervision-inspection reports, monitoring studies (including all photos), actual use, utilization, trend/production/composition, climate, evaluations*

#### *II. Time frame*

*The time frame of for this request is for records that are dated, or in force and effect, during*

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*the time frame of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.*

Your request for a fee waiver has been reviewed and approved for agency records not previously provided to AWHC.

We use Multitrack Processing to process FOIA requests. The Simple track is for requests that would generally take one to five workdays to process. The Normal track is for requests that would generally take six to twenty workdays to process. The Complex track is for requests that would generally take twenty-one to sixty workdays to process. The Extraordinary track is for requests that would generally take more than sixty workdays to process. The Expedited track is for requests that have been granted expedited processing, which are processed as soon as practicable. Within each track, requests are usually processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

Your request falls into the "Normal" processing track. There are 12 requests pending ahead of yours in this processing track.

As yet, we have been unable to make a determination on your request. We apologize for this delay. You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently assigned track or move the request into a different track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request and having it processed more quickly). You also may agree to an alternative time period for processing by communicating with us, our FOIA Requester Center, or the FOIA Public Liaison. Contact information for the Department's FOIA Requester Centers and FOIA Public Liaison is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>. You may also seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). If you choose to contact OGIS, you may do so in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You may also file an appeal with the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer regarding this delay. If you choose to appeal this delay, you may do so anytime between now and the date we make our determination on the FOIA request. 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 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*

Department of the Interior  
Office of the Solicitor  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
MS-6556 MIB  
Washington, DC 20240  
Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339  
Fax: (202) 208-6677  
Email: [FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov](mailto:FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov)

We regret the delay and appreciate your consideration. For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the Department's FOIA regulations at [43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart H](#).

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\(c\)](#). 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.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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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 WY FOIA office 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,

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Wyoming State Office

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