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Fwd: SFFC -- Forest Services, Estimated Completion Date for FOIA Request

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Subject: SFFC -- Forest Services, Estimated Completion Date for FOIA Request

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Freedom of Information Act Officer
U.S.D.A Forest Service
Washington Office
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Washington, D.C. 20250

SENT VIA EMAIL

SM.FS.WOFOIA@usda.gov

RE: Estimated Completion Date for FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Officer,

On June 28, 2023, our client the Santa Fe Forest Collation sent a request under the Freedom of Information Act. The Request has been attached to this letter. We have a receipt indicating that the agency received the request on July 5, 2023. On August 7, 2023, an Estimated Completion Date for FOIA request was mailed to your office, the USPS tracking number indicates that the letter was delivered on August 14, 2023. On August 9, 2023, the agency acknowledged the Request and a FOIA number 2023-FS-WO-05638-F was assigned to this Request. But the agency did not provide an estimated completion date in the letter. As of today September 15, 2023, the agency has not supplied an estimated completion date regarding the request.

Title 5 United States Code § 552 (a)(7)(B)(ii) states that each agency shall provide the person making a request for records an estimated date on which the agency will complete action on the request. The law states: "Each agency shall -- . . . (B) establish a telephone line or Internet service that provides information about the status of a request to the person making the request using the assigned tracking number, including -- . . . (ii) an estimated date on which the agency will complete action on the request."

This provision was enacted by Congress in 2007. According to the Office of Government Information Services Freedom of Information Act Ombudsman "[t]his requirement helps the requester better understand the agency's FOIA process and gives the requester a more accurate picture of when he/she will receive a response."

In this instance, the agency has not provided my client with an Estimated Completion Date. Demand is formally made upon you to provide an Estimated Completion Date. This Estimated Completion Date may be provided to me via email at peter@sorensonfoialaw.com.

Sincerely,
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