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Mr. Mike Garrity, Executive Director
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Helena, MT 59624

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOR-2016-00199 (PN-16-25)

Dear Mr. Garrity:

This letter is in response to your FOIA request dated June 1, 2016, and received in our office on June 2, 2016. You have requested documents relating to consultation between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the US Army Corps of Engineers/Bureau of Reclamation/Bonneville Power Administration specifically pertaining to the operation of the following dams within bull trout critical habitat:

Libby, Upper Baker, Diablo, Dworshak, Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, Ice Harbor, McNary, John Day, The Dalles, Howard Hanson, Dexter, Mud Mountain Dam, Roza, Chandler, Hungry Horse, Albeni Falls, Grand Coulee, Chief Joseph, Bonneville, Green Peter, Cougar, Dexter, Look Out Point, Hills Creek, Blue River, Fall Creek, Dorena, Cottage Gove, Fern Ridge.

Specifically, Alliance for the Wild Rockies requests:

1. Any and all documents that are a result of the consultation between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Bureau of Reclamation/Bonneville Power Association Since January 1, 2015.
2. Any and all Biological Assessments and Biological Opinions regarding the effects of the operation and maintenance of the above dams on bull trout critical habitat.

In accordance with the Department's FOIA regulations (43 CFR 2.8(a)), a FOIA requester must describe the records in sufficient detail to enable an employee familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the responsive records with a reasonable amount of effort. Your request does not meet this requirement. Because of the broad and general nature of your request, we are unable to identify which records are being sought.

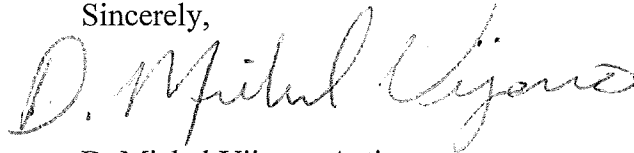
Please be as specific as possible concerning the type of documents you are requesting. If you know, please include the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter of the records you are seeking. Additionally, please identify the geographical location and timeframe for which you are seeking records. It is unclear whether your request covers only records in the bureau's headquarters or in its field offices as well.

We will not proceed further with your request until we receive additional clarification from you. In accordance with our regulations (43 CFR 2.8(a)(3)), if we do not hear from you within 20 workdays of the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this matter and will close the file on your request.

Please reference the assigned FOIA request numbers (BOR-2016-00199, PN-16-25) on all correspondence concerning your request.

You may contact me directly at (208) 378-5127, or by e-mail to PNFOIA@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Michel Vjarro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

D. Michel Vjarro, Acting
Freedom of Information Act Specialist