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Via email: \_56045\_87466291@requests.muckrock.com

Jimmy Tobias, Reporter Pacific Standard Muckrock News DEPT MR 56045 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Tobias:

On June 14, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

"I hereby request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Jason Funes in the Office of External Affairs and any agent, representative or employee of the Property and Environment Research Center. This requests includes any and all communications between Funes and any email address that ends in "@perc.org" This request seeks records produced between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed."

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on June 14, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-0129**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We have classified you as a representative of the news media. As such, we may charge you for some of our duplication costs, but we will not charge you for our search or review costs; you also are entitled to up to 100 pages of photocopies (or an equivalent volume) for free. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39. If, after taking into consideration your fee category entitlements, our processing costs are less than \$50.00, we will not bill you because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See* 43 C.F.R § 2.37(g).

You can expect to hear from us promptly regarding the outcome of this search.

## Mr. Jimmy Tobias

You have asked for copies of agency records. According to our regulations, you may choose the format of disclosure for such records. Unless you specify otherwise, the Office of the Secretary will provide copies of responsive records electronically via email or CD-ROM as scanned PDF images when the responsive records exceed 50 pages.

Because we will need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. For the same reason, we are placing your request under the "Normal" processing track. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.15.

In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the status of your request, or any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at (202) 513-0765, by fax at (202) 219-2374, by e-mail at os\_foia@ios.doi.gov or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka, at the phone and address above.

Sincerely, Digitally signed by CLARICE CLARICE JULKA JULKA Date: 2018.07.18 14:45:39 -04'00

Clarice Julka Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer