

**Exhibit 2:**

Acknowledgment of Western Values Project's February 5, 2018  
Interior Department FOIA Request (Mar. 8, 2018)



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
7202.4-OS-2018-00667

March 8, 2018

Via email: [csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org](mailto:csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org)

Chris Saeger  
Executive Director  
Western Values Project  
704C East 13th St, Suite 568  
Whitefish, MT 59937

Dear Mr. Saeger:

On February 5, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

*For all requests listed below:* "All correspondence" should include, but not be limited to, copies of digital and hardcopy information sent by, sent to, carbon copying ("CC"), or blind carbon copying ("BCC") any of these individuals during this time period, which includes any of the listed web domains or involves the specified individuals.

Access to and copies of all records and all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following list of officials since June 5, 2017, relating to DOI processes for employees, appointees, contractors, and/or vendors selected to categorize and/or analyze the public comments received in response to Secretarial Order 3353, posted October 11, 2017. This search should include, but not be limited to, the following DOI officials:

Secretary Ryan Zinke Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt James Cason Kathleen Benedetto John Ruhs Casey Hammond Gregory Sheehan	Anne Kinsinger Cynthia Moses-Nedd Timothy Williams Amanda Kaster-Averill Vincent DeVito Michael Nedd Brian Steed Tim Spisak	Casey Hammond Cally Younger  • Any member of the "Sage Grouse Review Team" not otherwise listed
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Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on January 26, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-00667**. Please cite these numbers in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

### **Fee Waiver**

You have asked for a waiver of all FOIA processing fees. Please be advised that we are in the process of determining whether or not your entitlements are sufficient to enable us to process your request, or if we will need to issue a formal determination on your request for a fee waiver.

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

Given the subject matter of your request that pertains to records for Kathleen Benedetto, John Ruhs, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Michael Nedd, Cally Younger, Tim Spisak, Brian Steed, we believe the information you are seeking will be found within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Please submit your FOIA Request to BLM and they will issue their response directly to you.

The BLM FOIA contact information is listed below:

Ryan Witt  
IRM Governance Division  
Attn: FOIA  
Washington Office Coordinators, MS-WO-640  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240  
Phone: (202) 912-7562  
E-Mail: [blm\\_wo\\_foia@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wo_foia@blm.gov)

Given the subject matter of your request that pertains to Gregory Sheehan, we believe the information you are seeking will be found within the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS). Please submit your FOIA Request to FWS and they will issue their response directly to you.

The FWS FOIA contact information is listed below:

Carrie Hyde-Michaels  
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy  
DOI – Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)  
5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IRTM  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
Phone: (703) 358-2291  
Fax: (703) 358-2251  
E-Mail: [fwhq\\_foia@fws.gov](mailto:fwhq_foia@fws.gov)

Given the subject matter of your request that pertains to Anne Kinsinger, we believe the information you are seeking will be found within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Please submit your FOIA Request to USGS and they will issue their response directly to you.

The USGS FOIA contact information is listed below:

Brian May  
DOI – U.S. Geological Survey  
5522 Research Park Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21228  
Phone: (443) 498-5521  
Fax: (443) 498-5510  
E-Mail: [Contact Us](#)  
Website: <http://www.usgs.gov/foia/>

Regarding the other individuals listed in your requests, our office will continue to search and locate records responsive to your request. Upon receipt of these records, these will be processed.

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 consult with one or more bureaus of the Department in order to properly process your request, the Office of the Secretary FOIA office is taking a 10-workday extension under [43 C.F.R. § 2.19](#). For the same reason, we are placing your request under the “Complex” 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](mailto: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.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer