

# Exhibit 5



## United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, DC 20240

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

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Chris Saeger  
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Dear Mr. Saeger:

On August 1, 2019, you filed two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests seeking the following:

### Request 1

access to and copies of all correspondence between any Department of Interior officials in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, Office of Communications, Office of the Solicitor, Office of Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management or Office of Policy, Management and Budget, and any individual working in or representing the Washington D.C. or Colorado offices of Senator Cory Gardner, Senator Michael Bennet, or Representative Scott Tipton- including Sen. Gardner, Sen. Bennet, and Rep. Tipton themselves - related to the relocation of the headquarters of Bureau of Land Management, sent since June 1, 2018.

"All correspondence" should include, but not be limited to, all emails, letters, texts, BisonConnect messages, Facebook and/or Twitter messages, Signal messages, WhatsApp messages, or faxes, by any of the listed appointees in the Office of the Secretary during the requested time period.

### Request 2

Access to and copies of all correspondence between any Department of Interior officials in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, Office of Communications, Office of the Solicitor, Office of Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management or Office of Policy, Management and Budget, and any official at the General Services Administrations

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(including, but not limited to, all email communications with accounts @gsa.gov), related to the relocation of the headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management to Grand Junction, sent since June 1, 2018.

"All correspondence" should include, but not be limited to, all emails, letters, texts, BisonConnect messages, Facebook and/or Twitter messages, Signal messages, WhatsApp messages, or faxes, by any of the listed appointees in the Office of the Secretary during the requested time period.

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on August 1, 2019, and assigned control number **OS-2019-01132**. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. We have aggregated two of your requests into one.

The records for the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) would likely be maintained by them. As such, we recommend that you submit to SOL FOIA office at the following address:

Office of the Solicitor  
Lance Purvis  
MS-6540, MIB  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240  
Phone: 202-208-5817  
Email: [sol.foia@sol.doi.gov](mailto:sol.foia@sol.doi.gov)

We have classified you as a “commercial use” requester. As such, we may charge you for all search, review, and duplication costs for processing this request. See [43 C.F.R. § 2.39](#). However, if 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\(g\)](#).

**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 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](#).

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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 St NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

**CLARICE JULKA**

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