

**United States District Court
Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-01737-PP**

Friends of the Black River Forest Inc v. United States
Environmental Protection Agency
Assigned to: Chief Judge Pamela Pepper
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/31/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/31/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Environmental Protection Agency by Friends of the Black River Forest Inc. (Filing Fee PAID \$400 receipt number 0757-2958474) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Westerberg, Christa)
10/31/2018		NOTICE Regarding assignment of this matter to Judge Pamela Pepper ;Consent/refusal forms for Magistrate Judge Jones to be filed within 21 days;the consent/refusal form is available on our website ;pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7.1 a disclosure statement is to be filed upon the first filing of any paper and should be filed now if not already filed (jcl) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/01/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Aaron G Dumas on behalf of Friends of the Black River Forest Inc. Attorney(s) appearing: Aaron G. Dumas (Dumas, Aaron)
11/01/2018	<u>3</u>	DISCLOSURE Statement by Friends of the Black River Forest Inc. (Dumas, Aaron)

11/02/2018		Summons Issued as to United States Environmental Protection Agency. (amb)
11/02/2018	<u>4</u>	Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction Form filed by Friends of the Black River Forest Inc. (NOTICE: Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 73 this document is not viewable by the judge.) (Dumas, Aaron)
11/15/2018	<u>5</u>	Return of Service of Complaint by Certified Mail by Friends of the Black River Forest Inc served upon Environmental Protection Agency on 11/6/18 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Return of Service by Certified Mail)(Westerberg, Christa) Modified on 11/16/2018 (amb).
12/04/2018	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer <i>or Other Responsive Pleading</i> by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Larsen, Christian)
12/11/2018	<u>7</u>	TEXT ONLY ORDER signed by Judge Pamela Pepper on 12/11/2018 re <u>6</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to File an Answer or Other Responsive Pleading. The court GRANTS the unopposed motion for an extension of time. The court ORDERS that the time for the United States Environmental Protection Agency to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the complaint is EXTENDED until the end of the day on December 19, 2018. Note: there is no document associated with this text only order. (cc: all counsel) (cb)
12/19/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>and Affirmative Defenses</i> by United States Environmental Protection Agency.(Larsen, Christian)
12/20/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Hearing: Rule 16 Scheduling Conference set for 4/17/2019 at 10:30 AM by telephone before Judge Pamela Pepper. Parties wishing to appear by phone may do so by calling the court's conference line at 888-557-8511 and using access code 4893665#. Rule 26 Discovery Plan due by 4/3/2019. (cc: all counsel)(cb)
04/03/2019	<u>10</u>	<i>Joint</i> REPORT of Rule 26(f) Plan by Friends of the Black River Forest Inc. (Westerberg, Christa)
04/17/2019	<u>11</u>	🔊 Audio of Scheduling Conference held on 4/17/2019 at 10:31 a.m.; File Size(6.8 MB) (cb) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/17/2019	<u>12</u>	Minute and Order entry for proceedings held before Judge Pamela Pepper: Scheduling Conference held on 4/17/2019. By 6/3/2019 defendant to produce non-exempt records to plaintiff, file stipulation for extension, or file motion for extension. (cb) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION <i>for Extension of Time to Produce Documents</i> by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Larsen, Christian)
06/04/2019	<u>14</u>	TEXT ONLY ORDER signed by Judge Pamela Pepper on 6/4/2019 re <u>13</u> Stipulation for Extension of Time to Produce Documents. The court APPROVES the parties' stipulation. The court ORDERS that the time for the defendant to either produce additional non-exempt records to the plaintiff, file a stipulation for an extension of that deadline, or file a motion asking the court to extend the deadline is EXTENDED until the end of the day on July 3, 2019. Note: there is no document associated with this text only order. (cc: all counsel)(cb)
07/03/2019	<u>15</u>	Expedited MOTION for Extension of Time <i>to Produce Records</i> by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Larsen, Christian)
07/09/2019	<u>16</u>	TEXT ONLY ORDER signed by Judge Pamela Pepper on 7/9/2019 re <u>15</u> Defendant's Civil L.R. 7(h) Expedited Non-Dispositive Motion for Extension of Time to Produce Records. The court GRANTS the unopposed motion for an extension of time. The court ORDERS that the time for the defendant to either produce additional non-exempt records to the plaintiff or file a motion for a further extension is EXTENDED until the end of the day on August 5, 2019. Note: there is no document associated with this text only order. (cc: all counsel) (cb)
08/05/2019	<u>17</u>	Rule 7(h) Expedited Non-Dispositive MOTION to Expedite <i>Extension of Time to Produce Records</i> by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Larsen, Christian)

08/07/2019	<u>18</u>	RESPONSE to Motion filed by Friends of the Black River Forest Inc re <u>17</u> Rule 7(h) Expedited Non–Dispositive MOTION to Expedite <i>Extension of Time to Produce Records</i> . (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order proposed order)(Westerberg, Christa)
08/07/2019	<u>19</u>	DECLARATION of Christa Westerberg (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Email String)(Westerberg, Christa)
08/20/2019	<u>20</u>	ORDER signed by Judge Pamela Pepper on 8/20/2019 GRANTING IN PART <u>17</u> defendant's motion for extension of time to produce documents. Starting 9/15/2019, and by 15th of each month, defendant to make monthly, interim productions of any documents identified as responsive. Final production to be made and all responsive documents to be turned over by 1/15/2020. (cc: all counsel) (cb)
06/03/2020	<u>21</u>	STIPULATION <i>to Dismiss and for an Award of Attorney's Fees</i> by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Larsen, Christian)
06/05/2020	<u>22</u>	ORDER DISMISSING CASE signed by Chief Judge Pamela Pepper on 6/5/2020 APPROVING <u>21</u> stipulation of dismissal and for award of attorney fees. Case DISMISSED with prejudice under FRCP 41(a)(1)(A)(ii); defendant to pay to plaintiff award of \$18,000 in attorney fees and costs. (cc: all counsel)(cb)