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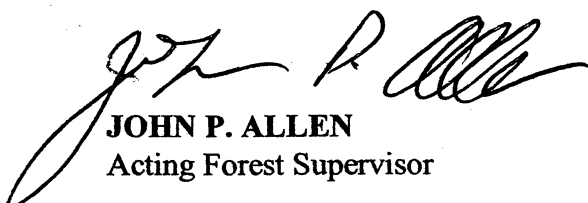
Dear Ms. Summerville:

This letter is regarding a Freedom of Information Act request received from Mr. Darrell Geist of the Buffalo Field Campaign. Mr. Geist had requested certain documents within our files on the Royal Teton Ranch land and conservation easement acquisitions. Some of the documents he has requested pertain to Ranch operations and we would like to ask if you have concerns over us releasing them. These are enclosed, along with documents that the Forest Service has already released to Mr. Geist. The yellow documents are the ones that have been withheld pending your review and response to us.

If it is your desire that the Forest Service not release any of the yellow documents, please identify the nature of your concern for the sensitivity of these records, and whether the records are of a kind that the Royal Teton Ranch would customarily not release to the public. Please understand that some documents may have to be released under the Freedom of Information Act even if you've indicated that you'd like them withheld. The Northern Regional Headquarters of the Forest Service in Missoula will make a final determination, however, your reply will be considered in making that determination.

The Freedom of Information Act specifies timeframes in which federal agencies must respond to a request. Therefore we would appreciate your review and reply by July 30th. Please send your reply to the Forest Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest, P.O. Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59771. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Steve Christiansen at (406) 587-6750.

Sincerely,



JOHN P. ALLEN
Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosures: documents contained in Buffalo Field Campaign FOIA Request
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