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Dear Mr. Geist:

This is a partial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 24, 2004. You requested copies of certain records relating to the Royal Teton Ranch land acquisition, many of which are enclosed. Some of the documents you identified require review and response by the Forest Service Northern Regional Headquarters and therefore are not included with this transmittal. A list of these documents is attached and you may expect a reply from them in the future.

Sincerely,



JOHN ALLEN  
Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Steve Christiansen



**DARRELL GEIST FOIA REQUEST  
RTR EXCHANGE  
LIST OF DOCUMENTS HELD FOR REVIEW AND RESPONSE  
BY NORTHERN REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

1. A letter from Edward Francis of Royal Teton, Ltd. to Larry Lewis, Gardiner District Ranger, dated October 5, 1981, proposing a land exchange between the U.S. Forest Service and Royal Teton Ranch.
2. A letter from Edward Francis to Mr. Roger Seamans, District Ranger, Deerlodge National Forest, dated June 5, 1981, proposing a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service.
3. The cover page for a temporary grazing permit on the Park Allotment, dated 6/1/99.
4. A copy of a fax sent from Barbara Hopkins to Joe Sabol, Sabol Law Offices, dated July 20, 1999, that includes a signed copy of Sentinel Butte Ranch release of Minor Subdivision No. 314, and a draft of First Addendum to Hunting Lease with Exhibits A and B.
5. A copy of a fax that includes the first and fourth addendum to agricultural lease between the Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc. and Sentinel Butte Ranch.
6. A copy of a letter sent from the Law Firm of Moore, O'Connell & Reffing, dated January 4, 1999, to Grant Parker of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Bob Dennee of the Forest Service, and Joe Sabol of Sabol Law Offices regarding leased lands from the Church Universal and Triumphant.
7. RTR Devil's Slide Conservation Easement, Final Draft Baseline Report, contents working paper.
8. Appendix F of the Devil's Slide Purchased Conservation Easement Baseline Study, January 2001, which contains information on Cultural Resource Sites.
9. A memorandum of understanding between the Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc. and the U.S. Dept. of the Interior accompanying a Bison Preservation and Management Plan for the Royal Teton Ranch.
10. A letter from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, dated October 22, 2002, to Kate Gordon, President of the Church Universal and Triumphant discussing the potential to lease grazing rights.
11. An unsigned letter, dated January 25, 1999, to John R. Logan, Gardiner District Ranger regarding a grazing permit on newly acquired lands.

12. The Church Universal and Triumphant Devil's Slide Conservation Easement Grazing Management Plan, December 10, 2002.
13. Certificate of Possession, dated June 10, 1999, signed by Robert Dennee of the Forest Service, regarding Occupancy and Use on the Conservation Easement lands.
14. Buyers' Statements of Settlement, dated 8/30/99. One between the Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc. and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and another between the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the United States.
15. A copy of an unrecorded Agricultural Lease between the Royal Teton, Ltd. and Sentinel Butte Ranch, L.L.P.
16. A copy of a document entitled Church-RMEF Conservation Easement Discussion Information, dated May 10, 1999.
17. A copy of a document entitled Church-RMEF Conservation Easement Considerations, prepared by Murray Steinman of the Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc.
18. A copy of a letter, dated December 28, 1998 from Grant Parker of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to Clark Wheeler of Wheeler and Associates.
19. An appraisal supplement, dated July 26, 1999, prepared by John Hickey, Regional Appraiser.
20. A letter, dated June 10, 1999, from Clark Wheeler of Norman C. Wheeler & Associates to Mr. Ron Marcoux of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation regarding appraisal of Royal Teton Ranch lands.
21. A letter, dated March 15, 2000, from Donald J. Barry of the U.S. Department of Interior to Joseph Sabol, Sabol Law Offices with a copy of the signed Termination of Option.
22. A letter, dated May 17, 1998, from Karon T. Kovacs of the U.S. Department of Interior to Edward Francis of the Church Universal and Triumphant regarding proposed terms and provisions for the conservation easement parcels of the acquisition package for the Royal Teton Ranch.
23. A letter, dated November 17, 1999, from Marvin Jensen, Assistant Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, to Bob Dennee of the Gallatin National Forest regarding the Baseline Study for the Royal Teton Ranch.