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Dear Mr. Geist:

Enclosed please find records in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 12, 2005. You and Mr. Dan Brister requested copies of certain records relating to the Royal Teton Ranch land acquisition and grazing allotments on the Gardiner Ranger District. During office visits to the Gallatin Forest Supervisor's Office on March 30, 2005 and the Gardiner Ranger District on April 4, 2005 you flagged the documents that you are now requesting.

The following documents were previously provided to you on September 14, 2004 and therefore are not included with this response.

- Letter from Forest Supervisor Dave Garber to Murray Steinman of the Church Universal and Triumphant, dated June 21, 2000.
- Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee, Project Assistance Request. Re: A grant request to assist with funding the Royal Teton Ranch Land Exchange.
- Letter from Forest Supervisor Dave Garber to Murray Steinman of the Church Universal and Triumphant, dated June 29, 2000.
- Letter from Forest Supervisor Dave Garber to Joe Sabol of Sabol Law Firm, dated November 19, 1999.
- An email from Ron Marcoux of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Bob Dennee of the Forest Service to Ron Erickson of the Forest Service, dated May 1, 2004. Re: Center pivot irrigation installation on Devils Slide Conservation Easement land.
- Letter dated April 9, 2004, from Judith Filbert of the Church Universal and Triumphant to Gardiner District Ranger Ken Britton proposing a center pivot irrigation system on Devils Slide Conservation Easement lands.
- A memo to files from Gardiner District Ranger Ken Britton documenting and March 16, 2004 meeting with Judith Filbert, Andrew Vann, and Wade Peck.



In addition, the following documents which you had flagged, are not included:

- A summary of wildlife habitat and wildlife use associated with lands on or near the Royal Teton Ranch. Prepared by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; July 7, 1997. We have referred this document and your request for it to Montana, Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Please note that our copy of this document appears to be missing every other page.
- A memorandum, dated August 28, 2005 from Bonnie Cohen of the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary, providing clarifications to the August 10, 1983 Guidelines for Transactions Between Nonprofit Organizations and Agencies of the Department of the Interior. We have referred this memorandum and your request to the U.S. Department of the Interior.
- Royal Teton Ranch Appraisal Supplement dated August 28, 2000. This document has been forwarded to the Northern Region Headquarters of the Forest Service for review and response.
- Royal Teton Ranch Appraisal Supplement dated August 26, 1999. This document has been forwarded to the Northern Region Headquarters of the Forest Service for review and response.
- Royal Teton Ranch, Phase II Appraisal Supplement dated July 26, 1999. This document has been forwarded to the Northern Region Headquarters of the Forest Service for review and response.
- A Forest Service memorandum, dated June 17, 1999, from Bob Dennee to Dave Garber, Rich Inman, and John Logan, all of the Gallatin National Forest. The memo addresses an outfitter lease and management of public hunting on acquired RTR Phase II Lands. This document has been forwarded to the Northern Region Headquarters of the Forest Service for review and response.
- A letter dated June 19, 1993, from Edward Francis of the Royal Teton Ranch to Gardiner District Ranger John Logan, with attachments including bills of sale and brand inspection certificates for livestock owned by Royal Teton Ranch. This document has been forwarded to the Northern Region Headquarters of the Forest Service for review and response.
- An escrow waiver of term grazing permit privileges (FS-2200-13) assigned to the Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc., 8-24-83. This document has been forwarded to the Northern Region Headquarters of the Forest Service for review and response.

The enclosed documents have been determined to be releasable under the FOIA. The Forest Service is not billing you for these copies made as part of your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor