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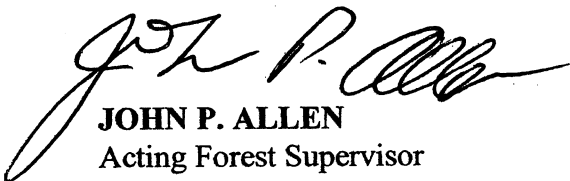
Dear Mr. Parker:

This letter is regarding a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received from Mr. Darrell Geist of the Buffalo Field Campaign. Mr. Geist had requested copies of certain documents within our files on the Royal Teton Ranch land and conservation easement acquisitions. Some of the documents he has requested pertain to Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation operations and agreements. Enclosed please find documents from this FOIA, which you asked Bob Dennee to provide. We request that you review the documents and let the Forest know if you have concerns with the release of these documents to Mr. Geist.

If it is your desire that the Forest Service not release any of the documents, please identify the nature of your concern for the sensitivity of these records, and whether the records are of a kind that RMEF would customarily withhold from the public. Please understand that some documents may have to be released under FOIA, 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: Some documents contained in Buffalo Field Campaign FOIA Request
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