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Mr. Darrell Geist
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Dear Mr. Geist:

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 24, 2004, and emailed to Mr. Bob Dennee has been forwarded to this office for review and response. Your request for "release of public records held by the agency regarding the Royal Teton Ranch land acquisition and easement" was submitted on behalf of the Buffalo Field Campaign.

We are providing you a partial response to your request. We determined there are 140 pages that can be released to you at this time. One document, Montana Cultural Resource Inventory, needs to be reviewed by our Regional Archaeologist for a determination regarding the release of this document. He is out of the office and we expect a determination by the end of August.

We contacted the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Royal Teton Ranch (Church Universal Triumphant) about their records and they indicated they wanted a total of five documents withheld. Once we make our final determination regarding these documents, we will provide our final response.

In addition, we have eight pages that were originated by the Department of Interior (DOI). When an agency locates records originating with another agency, those records are referred to the originating agency. You can expect a response from the DOI regarding the referred records.

We expect to have our final response to you by September 10, 2004.

Sincerely,

MARTIN L. PRATHER
Director of Information Systems

Enclosures

cc: Steve Christiansen

