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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter is a partial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 23, 2017, received by the White Sulphur Springs Office, assigned case #2017-FS-R1-03219-F. In your request, you asked for the following:

1. The inventory of old growth habitat within the Moose Creek Project Area, including all stands that were surveyed and the results.
2. A “hard copy” map that displays the location of all old growth stands identified in Moose Creek Vegetation Project Area.
3. The most current population monitoring report that identifies the population trend of goshawks with the Little Belt Mountains.
4. A “hard copy” of a map of the moose winter range in the Moose Creek Project Area.
5. A hard copy of a map that displays elk security areas as fully defined by the Hillis paradigm.
6. Field data sheets for any wildlife surveys completed within the last 10 years in the Moose Creek Project Area, including for snowshoe hares, goshawks, great gray owls, moose and wolverine.
7. Field data sheets for any lynx surveys completed in the project area since 2010.
8. A “hard copy” of a map displaying current hiding cover within the Moose Creek Project Area.
9. A “hard copy” of a map displaying current thermal cover within the Moose Creek Project Area.
10. Any field monitoring results for snag surveys in existing harvest units in the Moose



Creek Project Area.

11. Any monitoring data on the trend of cavity nesting wildlife within logged habitats on the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Enclosed you will find documents pertaining to bulleted items: 1, 2, 3, 5, a partial response to 6, 10 and 11. Documents pertaining to bulleted item 7 were previously sent to you in our June 4, 2013 response with FOIA #2013-FS-R1-03470-F with the Blankenship Vegetation Project in the Little Belt Mountains. If you have any questions regarding these items, please contact the Helena – Lewis and Clark National Forest FOIA Coordinator, Roxie Stroud, at (406)791-7720.

Please find enclosed 733 pages of records responsive to your request. Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

The remaining bulleted items: 4, a partial response to 6, 8 and 9 have been referred to the Regional Office for response. If you have any questions regarding these items, please contact the Region 1 Regional FOIA Coordinator, Jason Darelius, at (406)329-3256.

You have the right to seek disputed resolution services from the Forest Service FOIA Public Liaison, Washington Office. You can reach them by phone at (202)205-1542, or by mail to Mail Stop 1143, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1143. You also have the right to seek dispute resolution service from the Office of Government Information Services at this web address <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,



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cc: Carol Hatfield, Jennifer Woods, John Casselli, Jason Darelius