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Dear Mr. Geist:

This is in response to your October 20, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for an electronic copy of records regarding the status of bison captured inside Yellowstone National Park for consignment to the APHIS quarantine feasibility study, specifically those records that account for births and deaths as causes for each death recorded of bison in quarantine. Your request was received in our office on October 20, 2011 and assigned case number 12-392.

The Office of Veterinary Services located the enclosed 104 pages responsive to your request. Portions of the pages have been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The release of this information will not shed any light on this Agency performs its duties. Specifically, we have withheld the signatures. Also, portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted as non-responsive as they are not the subject of your request.

You may appeal our denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 45 days of the date of the final letter to: Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Ag Box 3401, Washington, D.C. 20250-3401. Please refer to FOIA 12-392 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact my staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods
Director
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