
From: Steve [<mailto:shbrooks@mounet.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2016 2:40 PM
To: 'Garten, Barry -FS'
Cc: 'Williams, Shelby -FS'; David Skinner; lboggs@fs.fed.us; 'Diana Withen'; Annie Cotten
Subject: FOIA Request

Barry, After conferring with our attorneys we have decided that it would be best to put our request in the form of a FOIA (attached and below) to make sure all of what we need can be made available to us. As noted in the FOIA if items are not available, do not exist, just let us know. But besides reports we would also like to get field notes, summaries and maps that exist. The only item that we know for sure we got prior to yesterday was the timber survey reports (spread sheet).

Thanks once again for meeting with us yesterday and your continuing effort to collaborate with us.
Steve

December 9, 2016

Barry Garten, District Ranger
Clinch Ranger District
Jefferson National Forest
1700 Park Ave., SW
Norton, Va. 24273

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request the following documents:

1. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding hydrology surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project
2. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding botany surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project
3. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding old growth surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project
4. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding nonnative invasive species surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project

5. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding timber surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project
6. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding soil surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project
7. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding the treatment of nonnative invasive species on the Clinch Ranger District, including the amounts and product names of specific herbicides used over the last five years.
8. Field notes, reports, summaries, and maps associated with, resulting from, and/or regarding wildlife surveys completed for the Nettle Patch Project

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

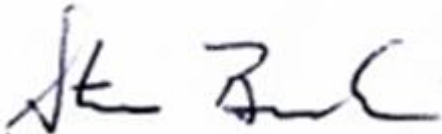
Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption with regard to any of the requested records, please include in your full or partial denial letter sufficient information for the Requesting Parties to appeal the denial. To comply with legal requirements, the following information must be included:

1. Basic factual material about each withheld item, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and
2. Explanations and justifications for denial, including the identification of the category within the governing statutory provision under which the document (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption fits the withheld material.

If you determine that portions of a record requested are exempt from disclosure, please redact the exempt portions and provide the remainder of the record to the Requesting Parties at the address listed below.

Please produce them on a rolling basis; at no point should the search for or deliberation concerning certain records delay the production of others that the agency has already retrieved and elected to produce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steve Brooks", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Steve Brooks, Associate Director
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