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Re: FOIA 2020-FS-R6-01692-F Spirit Lake Proposed Action Document Delay.

Dear Ms. Harden Egan,

I am writing to inform you that Cascade Forest Conservancy (CFC) is still waiting on documents from FOIA request 2020-FS-R6-01692-F and it is prejudicing our ability to meaningfully object on the Spirit Lake Tunnel Intake Gate Replacement and Geotechnical Drilling Project.

After clarifications and revisions, on February 12, 2020, our FOIA request was considered perfected and complete. On March 16, CFC received notification that all documents from the request had been gathered but, due to the large volume, a rolling release would be necessary. Reluctantly, we agreed to a rolling release, knowing that the Spirit Lake EA could be released at any point, and that we would need the documents as soon as possible. We did not receive the first batch of documents until April 1, the Spirit Lake EA was then published on April 7. We have only received three batches of documents at this time, that have barely scratched the surface of our request. The objection deadline for the Spirit Lake Proposed Action is May 22, and we are unable to meaningfully object without adequate time to review these documents.

Please upload all requested documents by Monday, May 4, as to not prejudice our ability to participate in the objection process.

Sincerely,

Lucy Brookham
Policy Manager, Cascade Forest Conservancy