
RE: Sweetwater FOIA Priorities — Controlling Production Order

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Date Thu 9/3/2026 10:54 AM

To Ken Wright <k13w@hotmail.com>

Cc Glaspell, Brian - FS, CO <Brian.Glaspell@usda.gov>; Veldhuis, Leanne - FS, CO <leanne.veldhuis@usda.gov>

Mr. Wright –

Good morning! Just wanted to confirm receipt of this email. We will provide the below documents as quickly as possible, and then continue with the top 10 “priority” list.

I hope you have a nice holiday weekend.



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From: Ken Wright <k13w@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 2:30 PM

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Misty,

Thank you. To be clear, I am not reopening withdrawn items, expanding the requests, or replacing the controlling spreadsheet with a new list.

The spreadsheet remains controlling for every active request. The top ten were intentionally selected across the full set of active FOIAs, rather than from the July 6 roads-and-egress request alone. The fact that none of those ten happened to originate in FOIA 2026-FS-R2-05762-F does not mean that the July 6 request was withdrawn, satisfied, or excluded from processing.

Given the August 30 closures of both Colorado River Road and Sweetwater Road, I am directing one narrow change in production order:

First production priority: the existing emergency-egress portion of FOIA 2026-FS-R2-05762-F, specifically:

1. Any existing Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan, draft plan, outline, scope of work, road-closure assumption, visitor-notification protocol, helicopter landing-zone analysis, or evacuation-route analysis for the Sweetwater Lake project;
2. Final or draft records reflecting consultation with sheriffs, fire districts, EMS, emergency management, county road officials, or other first responders concerning wildfire, evacuation, ingress/egress, Sweetwater Road, Colorado River Road, flooding, landslides, debris flows, or emergency response; and
3. If no such plan, analysis, scope, or consultation record exists, a written statement confirming that no responsive records were located.

This is not a request for a new general correspondence search. Please search and produce the readily identifiable final or draft planning, analysis, and consultation records described above on a rolling basis.

After that narrow first production, please proceed with the existing ten priority lines in the exact rank order shown in the controlling spreadsheet. The 51 lines marked “DEFERRED — ACTIVE” remain pending under their original FOIA numbers and receipt dates, but should not be searched or reviewed until the first-production egress records and the existing top ten have been addressed. The 21 lines marked “WITHDRAWN — CLOSE” remain withdrawn.

This is a stable instruction intended to reduce, not increase, the Forest Service’s burden while ensuring that the urgent life-safety portion of the July 6 request is not lost among already-public source reports.

Please confirm that this production order will be followed and provide the expected date of the first rolling production.

Thank you,

Ken Wright

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Subject: RE: [External Email]Fw: FOIA Request — Sweetwater Lake Recreation Management and Development Project, Project #284162 / PALS #64047

Mr. Wright –

I received your clarifying email and controlling FOIA spreadsheet. Given that none of the documents that were in your top 10 were on the FOIA request you provided below that we originally gave tracking number 2026-FS-R2-05762-F – are you now moving those documents above your “priority list” given the circumstances? It is very difficult to focus on getting the tasks completed when the tasks continual change. Please let us know what you would like us to focus our efforts on first . . . especially considering this document production is just one of many tasks that our record custodians are currently trying to tackle, including a VERY active fire season.

Thank you.



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Misty,

In light of yesterday's mudslides that completely closed both Colorado River Road and Sweetwater Road in at least five locations, please prioritize the highlighted request below dating back to July 6, 2026.

Please also acknowledge receipt of the otherwise clarifying and controlling FOIA spreadsheet that I sent over a week ago and advise as to when I may expect responsive records on a rolling basis.

Thanks,

Ken Wright

From: Ken Wright <k13w@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 12:00 PM

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Subject: FOIA Request — Sweetwater Lake Recreation Management and Development Project, Project #284162 / PALS #64047

Dear Forest Service FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for records concerning the Sweetwater Lake Recreation Management and Development Project, Project #284162 / PALS #64047, White River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District.

I request all records from January 1, 2021 to the present concerning wildfire risk, emergency response, evacuation, ingress/egress, Sweetwater Road, Colorado River Road, road capacity, construction traffic, public safety, flooding, landslides, debris flows, geologic hazards, water/wastewater demand, fire-protection water supply, and visitor-capacity assumptions for the Sweetwater Lake project.

This request includes, but is not limited to, the following records:

1. Tetra Tech, Inc. 2024, "Roadway Assessment Report for Sweetwater Road," including appendices, maps, photographs, turning templates, road-geometry analysis, sight-distance analysis, vehicle-length recommendations, and agency comments.
2. Tetra Tech, May 27, 2025, "Sweetwater Lake Park Estimated Traffic Volume" technical memoranda for Eagle County and Garfield County, including spreadsheets, assumptions, calculations, and county review comments.
3. Any Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan, draft plan, outline, scope of work, meeting notes, emails, agency comments, sheriff/fire/EMS consultation, helicopter landing-zone analysis, visitor-notification protocols, road-closure assumptions, or evacuation-route analysis.
4. Records concerning the 2025 Derby Fire as it relates to Sweetwater Lake, Sweetwater Road, Colorado River Road, evacuation, road closures, emergency response, wildfire risk, or visitor/resident safety.
5. Eagle County / CPW September 21, 2023 email thread regarding "Sweetwater Road Traffic Counts," including attachments and 85th-percentile speed data.

6. CPW TrafX counter data, AJB / Adrienne Brink Outfitters road-use and site-capacity data, Garfield County traffic-count data, and any spreadsheets or calculations used to estimate baseline, average daily, peak-day, or construction-related traffic.
7. Ground Engineering Consultants, Inc. 2005 "Geologic Hazard Assessment and Preliminary Geotechnical Recommendations, Proposed Sweetwater Development."
8. Houck, K. 2023 "Geologic Hazards at the Sweetwater Lake Property."
9. CPW 2023 "Geology at the Sweetwater Lake Property."
10. White River National Forest soil stability GIS layers, shapefiles, and metadata used for the project.
11. Durloo / Tetra Tech 2025 "Sweetwater Lake Water and Wastewater Demand."
12. Any Annual Operating Plan, draft Annual Operating Plan, fire/fuels plan, defensible-space plan, fire-suppression tank design, fire-water supply analysis, vegetation-clearing plan, or communications with fire authorities.
13. CPW / DHM Design 2024 Sweetwater Lake Property Resource Stewardship Plan and CPW 2022 "Sweetwater Lake State Park Integrated Weed Management Plan."
14. ERO Resources Corporation 2024 "Trail Assessment Report Sweetwater Lake, Gypsum, Colorado."
15. Communications, comments, meeting notes, attachments, or technical review materials from Garfield County, Eagle County, Town of Gypsum, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, sheriff offices, fire districts, EMS, emergency management, county road officials, or cooperating agencies concerning the above topics.

Please provide the records in electronic format by email, download link, or other digital transfer. Please include native electronic files, spreadsheets, GIS files, maps, attachments, and metadata where available.

I request a waiver of all fees because disclosure is in the public interest. The records concern a pending federal NEPA process, public-land management, wildfire safety, emergency evacuation, road access, natural hazards, and public recreation development at Sweetwater Lake. Disclosure will contribute significantly to public understanding of Forest Service operations and decision-making and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

If you deny the fee-waiver request, please notify me before incurring fees over \$5. If any records are withheld or redacted, please identify the records withheld, state the FOIA exemption claimed, and release all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions.

Please provide a tracking number for this request.

Sincerely,

Ken Wright

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