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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Jeff Ruch
Executive Director
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
2000 P Street, NW
Suite 240
Washington, DC 20036

Re: 07-FPA-00027

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This is in response to your letter dated March 05, 2007, which was received by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Freedom of Information Act section on March 28, 2007, in which you ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. You ask for information pertaining to the report dated February 2007, entitled "Assessment of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement." Specifically you ask for: 1) "[C]orrespondence, documentary materials letters or other communications submitted to the OIG by members of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) law enforcement program in preparation of this report; 2) Interview notes by OIG staff from interviews with members of the FWS law enforcement program in preparation of this report; 3) Documents relating to the removal of Kevin Adams as the head of the FWS Office of Law Enforcement; and 4) Information concerning interactions of the Safari Club affecting investigations or other activities of the FWS law enforcement program.

Your request has been assigned OIG FOIA number 07-FPA-00027. Please use this number in all future correspondence concerning this matter. Your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

The OIG is unable to respond to your request within the time limits established by the FOIA (20-workday period and the 10-workday extension) due to a backlog of requests and other unforeseen circumstances. Please be assured, however, that your request is being handled as equitably as possible. We will contact you to update you on

the status of your request when we receive the responsive documents and provide you with an estimated completion date. We are doing everything we can to process your request within a reasonable period of time. Your patience is appreciated. Your appeal rights will not be prejudiced by waiting until a determination has been made regarding your request.


You may file an appeal for non-response any time after the statutory time limit, which may include the 10-workday time extension, for responding to your request has passed, by writing the FOIA Appeals Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-6556, Washington, D.C. 20240, within 30 working days of the date of this letter. The FOIA Appeal Officer's facsimile number is (202) 208-6677. Your appeal should be filed in accordance with the regulations set out in 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.28 -2.32, a copy of which is enclosed.

Our office has relocated to Reston, Virginia. Please use the headquarters address for correspondence purposes:

Department of the Interior
Office of Inspector General
Freedom of Information Act Request
1849 C Street, NW
Mail Stop 5341
Washington, DC 20240.

However, should you need to contact me, my telephone number is (703) 487-5436 and the fax number is (703) 487-5406.

Sincerely,


Sandra Evans
OIG FOIA Officer

Enclosure