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Dear Mr. Ruch:

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request letter dated April 18, 2014. Your FOIA request was assigned number 2014-00486; please use this number in any future correspondence. In your letter, you requested the following:

1. All decision documents related to the decision to call off the round-up of Mr. Bundy's trespassing cattle;
2. Documents describing the disposition of cattle collected by BLM in that removal action;
3. The number of criminal referrals BLM made to the U.S. Department of Justice arising out of this operation/incident and for which offenses;
4. Any directives issued after April 1, 2014 by BLM to its subunits concerning protocols or advisories for handling similar incidents of armed resistance to lawful orders or other livestock trespass situations; and
5. Any cautions or advisories issued to BLM employees since April 1, 2014 concerning personal safety.

We conducted a thorough search, but did not locate any documents responsive to Requests 2, 3, and 4. We located one document responsive to Request 1 and forty-three pages of documents responsive to Request 5. These documents are enclosed for your consideration. Of this total, two pages are being released in full and forty-two pages are being released with redactions.

Redactions to the released pages have been made in accordance with FOIA Exemption (b)(6) that protects “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy” and Exemption (b)(7) that protects “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes” where disclosure:

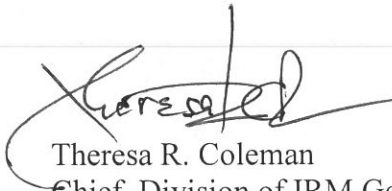
- could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings [Ex. (b)(7)(a)];
- could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [Ex. (b)(7)(c)];
- would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law [Ex. (b)(7)(e)];
- could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual [Ex. (b)(7)(f)].

On pages 28, 30, 33, 34, 35 and 37 text appears that says "Quoted text hidden." This appears because portions of emails are collapsed through the normal search and retrieval process. The actual text “hidden” is in the chain and is unredacted.

Also enclosed is a Vaughn index that provides a general description of the information withheld and the basis for each withholding.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Ryan Witt, BLM WO FOIA Officer via email at [BLM\\_WO\\_FOIA@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov).

Sincerely,



Theresa R. Coleman  
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Enclosures