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Department of the Interior  
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FOIA REQUEST  
Expedited review requested

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of records related to "W46 (2465)", a Department of Interior letter from Karen Taylor Goodrich to the Virginia Citizens Defense League on the issue of 36CFR regulation 2.4, as follows.

In the correspondence, Taylor-Goodrich asserts:

\* "Right to carry laws do not reduce crime"

Please provide copies of any and all records the Department of the Interior used, or referred to in order to make this assertion.

\* "In fact, armed citizens attempting to assist rangers create volatile situations, often putting the private citizen or ranger's life in jeopardy".

It is currently against regulations for citizens to have weapons to assist rangers, calling into question the veracity of this statement. Accordingly, please provide copies of any and all incidents reports or known events to have occurred in which armed citizens attempted to assist National Park Service Rangers in a National Park or NPS managed property.

\* "Right to carry laws do not protect visitors from wildlife. Most weapons carried for protection from wildlife are inadequate for that purpose. Untrained individuals attempting to protect themselves from dangerous animals often exacerbate the situation."

Please provide any and all supporting documentation to this conclusion, including, but not limited to minimum caliber sufficient to protect from dangerous animals including muzzle velocity, projectile weight and ballistic coefficient required. Please also provide any reports or evidence to substantiate individuals on National Parks Property attempting to protect themselves from dangerous animals and "exacerbating the situation" within the last 3 years.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$50.00. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

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If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Please provide expedited review of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As the chief source of information for the VCDL petition to amend 36cfr, regulation 2.4, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about because I am a petitioner to the Department affected by this ruling. Further, I have served as the chief source of updates and information on the petition to amend regulation 2.4 to over 1 million petitioners through more than 4 dozen co-petitioning groups as well as more than a dozen members of the United States Congress. Because this ruling directly affects public safety, and because several Congressional offices have expressed an interest that this matter be addressed, the information requested is of profound interest to citizens and their elected officials. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,