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Revision to Public Record Request #21-62

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To: Don Larsen <dlarsen@azgfd.gov>, Kent Komadina <kkomadina@azgfd.gov>, customerservice@azgfd.gov

Dear Mr. Larsen,

Thanks for the voicemail last Thursday in response to the two recent Public Record Requests I submitted via email on May 18 for information about the expenditures from the Heritage Fund that were used to complete Public Access and Stewardship agreements with Arizona ranches. (The Stewardship agreements were sometimes referred to as Habitat Agreements in the fund's annual reports.) Those requests were assigned PRR #21-61 and #21-62 by Mr. Komadina.

During our subsequent phone conversation Friday morning you pointed out that a Public Record Request is just that, a request for an existing agency record, and you explained how my two requests asked for records that don't exist. As you know, I asked for spreadsheet type listings of the Public Access and Stewardship agreements that your agency has made with ranches. But you explained that your agency doesn't keep the ranch agreement records in that manner. There is no comprehensive or annual list of them, you said, only an individual project record for each agreement.

Subsequently, I am modifying my public record request #21-62 to ask for specific Stewardship agreement records that used Heritage Fund money, as defined in [ARS § 17-298.A.2](#), which is the fund's sensitive wildlife habitat Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection and Management (IIAPM) expenditure category. The IIAPM subcategory of Stewardship agreement expenditures first appeared in the fund's FY 1998 report, and then disappeared in the FY 2018 report.

So, using the Heritage Fund's annual reports as my primary reference, I now ask that you please provide copies of the records of the Stewardship/Habitat agreements that were made with the ranches listed below:

- FY 1998 Tres Alamos Ranch
- FY 1998 O'Haco Ranch (Chevelon Butte Ranch)
- FY 2000 Rio Verde Ranch, West Bear Allotment
- FY 2001 Rudd Creek Riparian Fence (ranch not named in report)
- FY 2001 Buck Springs Allotment Riparian Fence (ranch not named in report)
- FY 2002 Tres Alamos Ranch
- FY 2002 Empire Ranch
- FY 2002 EC Bar Ranch
- FY 2003 Silver Creek Fish Hatchery Protection - Livestock Water Well (ranch not named in report)
- FY 2003 Long Lake Livestock Fence (ranch not named in report)
- FY 2004 Tres Alamos Ranch
- FY 2004 Silver Creek Fish Hatchery Protection - Livestock Fence (ranch not named in report)
- FY 2004 CO Bar Ranch
- FY 2004 Cane Springs Ranch
- FY 2005 Hook Open A & Redtail Ranches (Campomocho-Sacaton Grassland Enhancement)
- FY 2005 Little Horse Ranch
- FY 2005 47 Ranch
- FY 2006 Rafter Cross Ranch, Campaign Creek Riparian Pasture Fence
- FY 2006 Broken L Badlands Ranch

FY 2006 Three Sisters Ranch
FY 2007 Mexican Wolf Project (ranches not named in report)
FY 2007 Aja Ranch
FY 2010 Babacomari Ranch
FY 2010 Davis Ranch
FY 2011 Marks Ranch (WY Bar Ranch) Mexican Wolf/Livestock Conflict Reduction
FY 2014 Crigler Ranch (X Diamond Ranch) Mexican Wolf/Livestock Conflict Reduction
FY 2014 Strayhorse Ranch
FY 2015 Mexican Wolf/Livestock Conflict Reduction (ranches not named in report)
FY 2015 Sands Ranch (received \$114,000 other AGFD funding for this project too, please ID that source of money)

As can see, the examples of specific Stewardship agreements in the fund's annual reports began to diminish in the FY 2013 report, until they disappeared completely in the FY 2018 report, even though IIAPM funds have continued to be used for this purpose. So, if you discover additional agreements for the ranches listed above while you are obtaining copies of the ones I've requested, please provide copies of those too.

I assume these Stewardship/Habitat agreement records will include the year, recipient name, the Heritage Fund dollar amount, and form of compensation. Summary pages will suffice, as long as they include those primary details - especially the amount of money spent for each agreement.

As before, I will not use the information for commercial purposes.

Thank you.

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NOTE: The Habitat Improvement ranch agreements highlighted above in yellow were the only ones provided on June 24, 2021, in response to this public record request. The Arizona Game & Fish Department's response letter, attached below, said they had provided "all the requested records that we were able to locate."



June 24, 2021

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Re: Public Records Requests 21-61 and 21-62

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Pursuant to your modifying public record requests from May 24, 2021, please find attached all the requested records that we were able to locate.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Don Larsen, Landowner Relations and Habitat Enhancement Program Manager at (623) 236-7624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Crowder".

Clay Crowder, Assistant Director
Wildlife Management Division