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Revision to Public Record Request #21-61

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To: customerservice@azgfd.gov, Kent Komadina <kkomadina@azgfd.gov>, Don Larsen <dlarsen@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 #21-61 to ask for specific Public Access agreement records that used Heritage Fund money according to [ARS § 17-298.A.1](#). I assume these 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.

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

FY 1997, Yavapai Ranch
FY 1997, King's Anvil Ranch
FY 1997, Diamond Bell Ranch
FY 1999, Lucky Hills Ranch
FY 1999, Marley Ranch
FY 2000, Long Hollow, Galiuro Mountains (ranch not named in report)
FY 2000, Rucker Canyon (ranch not named in report)
FY 2003, Hurtado Ranch
FY 2003, Rose Tree Ranch
FY 2003, Telles Ranch (Double U Ranch)
FY 2003, Bennett Ranch
FY 2003, Baboquivari Ranch
FY 2003, Palo Alto Ranch
FY 2003, Santa Margarita Ranch
FY 2003, Holcomb Ranch
FY 2003, Tusayan Ranch
FY 2004, Sollers Ranch
FY 2004, Cane Springs Ranch
FY 2004, 47 Ranch

FY 2004, Rocker M Ranch
FY 2004, Yolo Ranch
FY 2004, Arivaca Ranch
FY 2004, Yaqui Ranch
FY 2005, CO Bar Ranch
FY 2005, Alder Ranch
FY 2005, Yolo Ranch - Phase 2
FY 2005, Thurston Ranch
FY 2005, O'Haco Ranch
FY 2005, San Jose Ranch
FY 2005, 7VT Ranch
FY 2005, Double U Ranch
FY 2006, Overson Ranch
FY 2006, Amalong Ranch
FY 2006, Brosnan Ranch
FY 2006, Westwood Ranch
FY 2006, King's Anvil Ranch
FY 2006, McDonald Ranch
FY 2006, Aja Ranch
FY 2006, Heart & Clear Creek Ranch
FY 2006, Carlisle Ranch
FY 2006, Hanson Ranch
FY 2006, Double U Ranch
FY 2006, Homack Ranch
FY 2006, Sopor Ranch
FY 2007, Hopi Three Canyon Ranches
FY 2007, Porter Ranch
FY 2007, Lackner Brothers Ranch
FY 2007, T-Link Ranch
FY 2008, Wengert Ranch
FY 2008, Crandle Ranch
FY 2008, Elkhorn Ranch
FY 2008, O'Haco Ranch
FY 2009, Hopi Three Canyon Ranches
FY 2009, Marley Ranch
FY 2009, Bar S Ranch
FY 2010, Yellow Pine Ranch
FY 2010, Babbitt Ranches
FY 2014, Big Boquillas Ranch
FY 2015, CO Bar Ranch
FY 2017, ET Ranch
FY 2018, Diamond 2 Ranch, Crooks Canyon

Also, from FY 2014 through FY 2020, the Fund's annual reports provide few specific examples of the Public Access agreements that were completed during that time - mostly just the total number made each year. So, if you discover additional agreements, or agreement extensions, for the ranches listed above while you are obtaining copies of the agreements I've requested, please provide copies of those too. For instance, it appears that agreements were regularly renewed with the O'Haco Ranch, the Double U Ranch, and the CO Bar Ranch.

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."

However, their response DID include some other Public Access ranch agreements, as listed below:

Overson Ranch (Francis Creek Ranch) - 2012, 2019
Big Boquillas Ranch - 2016
Santa Margarita Ranch - 2016
King's Anvil Ranch - 2015
McDonald Ranch - 2014
Elkhorn Ranch - 2012, 2019
Holcomb Ranch - 2013
O'Haco Ranch (Chevelon Butte Ranch) - 2014, 2018
Seibert Land Co. LLC (Double O Ranch) - 2020
Telles Ranch (Double U Ranch) - 2011
Cataract Ranch - 2015
Carlisle Ranch - 2015
Cane Springs Ranch - 2016
Bar S Ranch - 2012, 2019
47 Ranch - 2017
Wengert Bros. Ranch - 2014, 2019
Dunes Investments LTD (Brosnan Ranch) - 2012
Yavapai Ranch - 2015
Yellow Pine Ranch - 2013
7VT Ranch - 2009
Lackner Bros. Ranch - 2012

Many of these ranches had previous access agreements that were not provided, although they were included in my record request.



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
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