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Stephen J. Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208

WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST

Dear Mr. Wright:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, and regarding my FOIA, I request a waiver of all applicable fees for processing this request.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on acquisition and project proposals sent from the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Work Group to the Bonneville Power Administration. This is of current interest to the public because the acquisition of private lands for the BPA-funded program are taking place in Pend Oreille County of Washington State and Bonner, Boundary and Kootenai counties of Idaho. This information is being sought on behalf of *The Newport Miner* and *The Gem State Miner* for dissemination to the general public.

The subject of the requested records concerns government operations and activities and disclosure is likely to contribute to understanding of these operations or activities. Disclosure will likely result in significant public understanding of the subject, which is the proposed land acquisitions for the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program. The requester has a limited commercial interest in the disclosure, and public interest in disclosure is greater than the requester's commercial interest.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your assistance.

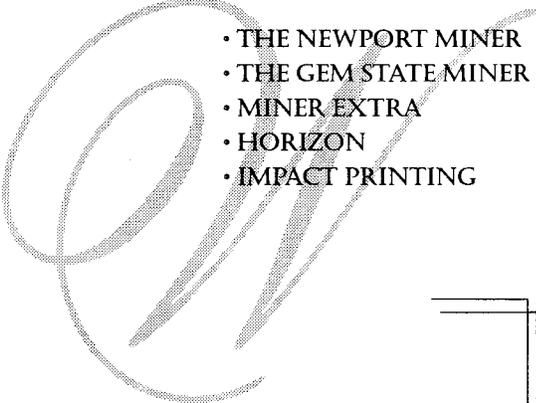
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Dear Mr. Wright,

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am formally requesting access to public records regarding acquisition and project proposals for the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program.

Specifically, I request the acquisition and project proposals and any other related documents sent from the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Work Group, including the Idaho Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Kalispel Tribe of Indians, The Coeur d'Alene Tribe, The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other group participating in acquisitions for the mitigation program, to the Bonneville Power Administration for acquisition consideration from Jan. 1, 2000 to the present. I am also requesting access to any correspondence or other records your agency possesses dated Jan. 1, 2004 to the present, detailing acquisition activities between the BPA and any or all agencies named as parties in the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program.

I would also like any BPA documents and correspondence for the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program that would include descriptions of policy, timelines, public involvement, etc. since Jan. 1, 2003 to the present.

If you believe any of these documents is exempted from public disclosure, please inform me of which document or record you are withholding and cite the specific exemption(s) that allows the withholding of the information, and inform me of appeals procedures available under the law. Please release any documents not in question in the meantime.

If it is not practical to provide copies of all these records, please let me know when they can be made available for inspection and copying.

Please respond promptly, and feel free to call if you have any questions. I would appreciate it if you would forward this request to the proper staff member(s) within your agency.

Sincerely,

William Love, Reporter, The Newport and Gem State Miner Newspapers

Enclosure: waiver request