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Dear William Meadows,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received your report dated September 14, 2022, regarding the alleged unauthorized disposition of Forest Service (FS) records. Your report stated that on July 26, 2022, FS became aware that a former FS employee had removed, without proper approval, approximately 50,000 electronic records upon their resignation and that FS was investigating the incident to ascertain whether the former employee removed original records or copies of FS records.

NARA acknowledges that the FS investigation has concluded and revealed that the former FS employee left with copies of FS records and that FS was able to identify all original records through eDiscovery.

Based on the information provided, NARA considers this unauthorized disposition incident unfounded. FS has satisfied all reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) and this matter is now closed. If you have any concerns, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

Cc: Beatriz Collazo, United States Department of Agriculture, Departmental Records Officer