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Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on June 30, 2016. Your request for assistance pertains to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and subsequent appeal to the Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of the Solicitor.

As you are aware, Congress created OGIS to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. Our goal is to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to process a particular request before others. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

You contacted OGIS to request assistance in learning the status and tracking number of your [REDACTED] appeal of FWS's action on FOIA Request No. [REDACTED]. We contacted DOI's FOIA Appeals staff to inquire about your appeal and learned that DOI received your appeal the day you submitted it. The tracking number for your appeal is No. [REDACTED].

We hope you find this information useful. Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

NIKKI GRAMIAN
Acting Director

cc: DOI Appeals Staff

