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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 March 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. We sincerely apologize for our delay in responding to your request for assistance.

As you may be aware, Congress created OGIS to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS 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 recently learned that DOI's Office of the Solicitor acknowledged your appeal on June [REDACTED] 2016 and provided a tracking number ([REDACTED]). We enclosed a copy of that correspondence for your reference.

Thank you for contacting OGIS; we will now consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

/s/

NIKKI GRAMIAN  
Acting Director

cc: DOI Appeals Staff

Enclosure

Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.

