



Department of the Interior

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Request ID	Requester Name	Organization	On Behalf Of	Request Description	Custom Multitrack	Requested Date	Received Date
Action Office: OS				The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"), Office of the Secretary ("OS") from February 6, 2026 to the date OS conducts this search: the records, excluding emails, documenting OS' implementation of Section 9(a) of the Executive Order "Unleashing American Energy" (90 Fed. Reg. 8353) (Jan. 29, 2025)).□ From February 6, 2026 to the date USDA conducts this search: the records, excluding emails, documenting OS' implementation of Section 9(b) Executive Order 14154 "Unleashing American Energy" (90 Fed. Reg. 8353 (Jan. 29, 2025))).□ For this request, the term "records" refers to documents, letters, notes, recordings, telephone records, telephone notes, telephone logs, text messages, chat messages (e.g., Teams, Signal, Whatsapp), minutes, memoranda, comments, files, presentations, consultations, biological opinions, assessments, evaluations, schedules, papers published and/or unpublished, reports, studies, photographs and other images, data (including raw data, GPS or GIS data, UTM, LiDAR, etc.), maps, and/or all other responsive records, in draft or final form.□			
DOI-2026-006662	Brown, Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	-	The Center is willing to receive records on a rolling basis. The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"), Office of the Secretary ("OS") from February 6, 2026 to the date USDA conducts this search: the records, excluding emails, documenting OS' implementation of Section 9(b) Executive Order 14154 "Unleashing American Energy" (90 Fed. Reg. 8353 (Jan. 29, 2025))).□ For this request, the term "records" refers to documents, letters, notes, recordings, telephone records, telephone notes, telephone logs, text messages, chat messages (e.g., Teams, Signal, Whatsapp), minutes, memoranda, comments, files, presentations, consultations, biological opinions, assessments, evaluations, schedules, papers published and/or unpublished, reports, studies, photographs and other images, data (including raw data, GPS or GIS data, UTM, LiDAR, etc.), maps, and/or all other responsive records, in draft or final form.□	Complex	06/01/2026	06/01/2026
DOI-2026-006674	Brown, Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	-	The Center encourages rolling releases.	Simple	06/01/2026	06/02/2026



Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:☐

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

Any communications sent to the Office of the Secretary by Jordan Christman, the director of federal affairs at Woodside Energy, seeking a meeting or site visit with the Interior Secretary, Doug Burgum. This request seeks records produced since April 1, 2026. I specifically seek any records between Christman and any aides or schedulers or executive assistants who manage Burgum's schedule or arrange visits between the Secretary and outside parties, including any communications between Christman and the Secretary himself. This request seeks texts, Signal messages, DMs, as well as emails or other forms of communication.☐

I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied I am willing to pay \$25.☐

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.☐

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.☐

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

[DOI-2026-006681](#)

Tobias, Jimmy

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Unread documents directly: <https://www.government.com/record/2265126/>

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06/02/2026

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1. All interaction logs from ChatGPT, ChatGPT Enterprise, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, and any other generative AI chatbot tools used by DOI employees across all bureaus — including prompts submitted by employees and responses generated by the AI — for the period from April 1, 2025 through the date this request is processed. We request these records in their native electronic format where available (e.g., HTML exports, JSON, or CSV). ☐

2. All records related to DOI's GenAI authorization policy, including: (a) the policy itself, (b) any employee requests for authorization to use GenAI tools with non-public data, (c) any approvals or denials of such requests, and (d) any records documenting the scope and conditions of authorized GenAI use.☐

3. Any policies, guidelines, acceptable use policies, or training materials governing employee use of ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, or other AI chatbot tools, including any bureau-specific policies. ☐

[DOI-2026-005683](#)

Bateyko, Dan

N/A

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4. Any data retention or deletion policies applicable to AI chatbot interaction logs, including any schedules for automatic deletion of interaction data.

Simple

04/27/2026

06/03/2026

[DOI-2026-006517](#)

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I'm requesting records instructing all doi staff to make Freedom 250 the "primary branding" for all national birthday events.

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05/24/2026

06/03/2026



Department of the Interior

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records related to a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) award that was routed through the Department of Interior's Interior Business Center: ☐

Award Details ☐

Award Number (PIID): 140D0426C0020 ☐

Awardee: Impact Cooling Inc. ☐

Award Date: January 15, 2026 ☐

Award Amount: \$991,261 (potential \$1.8M with options) ☐

Funding Source: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DoD) ☐

Awarding Entity: Interior Business Center (Department of Interior) ☐

Requested Documents ☐

1. All documentation related to the Interior Business Center's award administration of PIID 140D0426C0020, including contract execution, modifications, and performance orders ☐
 2. Documentation justifying the routing of this DoD-funded DARPA SBIR award through the Department of Interior rather than through normal DARPA or military service contracting channels ☐
 3. Fee-for-service arrangement documentation between DOI Interior Business Center and DARPA/DoD, including fee amounts, justifications, and service level agreements ☐
 4. Communications (emails, memoranda, cables) between the Department of Interior, Interior Business Center, DARPA, and DoD regarding this award, including discussions of routing, oversight, and administration ☐
 5. Any inter-agency memoranda of understanding or agreements governing DOI's role in administering DoD-funded contracts ☐
 6. Records of any oversight or compliance reviews conducted by DOI on this award ☐
- Purpose and Background ☐

I am requesting these documents because the routing of this DARPA award through the Department of Interior's Interior Business Center appears anomalous. Typically, DARPA-funded SBIR awards are administered through DARPA's own contracting mechanisms or through military service contracting channels. ☐

The Department of Interior's role in administering this Defense Department award raises questions about the contracting structure, oversight mechanisms, and whether proper procedures were followed. Additionally, the awardee (Impact Cooling Inc.) has been identified in separate federal investigations as having questionable business registration and entity practices, which makes the contracting structure and DOI's oversight particularly relevant.

I am seeking copies of the most recent funding related modification, including the original cover sheet and SOW/PWS, for the task order identified below. If the modification is not available with the cover sheet and PWS, the latest conformed copy of the contract is requested. I will always accept clearly releasable, conformed and redacted copies of any contracts and authorize up to \$300 in fees.
CONTRACT NUMBER HHSN316201200160W CONTRACT TITLE Chief Information Officer - Solutions and Partners 3 Small Business TASK ORDER NUMBER 140D0419F0075
TASK ORDER TITLE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH), NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE (NIAID), OFFICE OF CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY (OCICB) APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
AGENCY National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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CONTRACT NUMBER HHSN316201200044W CONTRACT TITLE Chief Information Officer - Solutions and Partners 3 TASK ORDER NUMBER IND13PD01461 TASK ORDER TITLE SAIC CTSAP AWARD TASK 3 AGENCY National Institutes of Health (NIH)

"Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I request a copy of the following record: The Department of the Interior's (DOI) 'Return to Office Implementation Plan' (or similarly titled agency return-to-work transition document) submitted to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on or about February 7, 2025. This plan was mandated by the joint OPM/OMB guidance issued on January 27, 2025, titled 'Agency Return to Office Implementation Plans' in response to the January 20, 2025 Presidential Memorandum on Return to In-Person Work "

[DOI-2026-006707](#)

Sues, Hannah

Flipt Industries LLC

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06/03/2026

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[DOI-2026-006719](#)

Turner, Heather

The Bid Lab

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[DOI-2026-006720](#)

Turner, Heather

The Bid Lab

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06/04/2026

[DOI-2026-006738](#)

Shields, John

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06/05/2026



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[DOI-2026-006436](#)

Fahrenthold, David

The New York Times

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I request all emails received by staff members in the Office of the Secretary (including Secretary Burgum himself) since 11/1/2025 from the email address David.schutzenhofer@trumpgolf.com AND all emails sent by staff members in the Office of the Secretary (including Secretary Burgum himself) since 11/1/2025 to the same email address.

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I am seeking copies of the most recent funding related modification, including the original cover sheet and SOW/PWS, for the task order identified below. If the modification is not available with the cover sheet and PWS, the latest conformed copy of the contract is requested. I will always accept clearly releasable, conformed and redacted copies of any contracts and authorize up to \$300 in fees. □

Contract Number: HHSN316201200008W □

Contract Name: IT AND TELECOM - OTHER IT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS □

Task Order: 140D0419F0318 □

Task Order Title: BUSINESS PROCESS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

(BPMIS) SERVICES
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST □

5 U.S.C. § 552 □

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06/05/2026

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TO: □

Secretary Doug Burgum □

U.S. Department of the Interior □

1849 C Street NW □

Washington, D.C. 20240 □

FOIA Officer □

U.S. Department of the Interior □

foia@ios.doi.gov □

RE: FOIA Request — Records Related to the Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption □

WHO I AM □

As a concerned member of the public, I'm submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The public deserves transparency in this decision-making process. □

WHAT HAPPENED □

On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior assembled the Endangered Species Committee, often called the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. The unanimous decision to exempt all Gulf of Mexico oil and gas drilling from the Endangered Species Act poses a dire threat to the Rice's whale, with only about 51 remaining. Secretary Burgum led this meeting. □

RECORDS I AM REQUESTING □

I am seeking records related to the March 31, 2026 meeting and the exemption decision for Gulf of Mexico oil and gas activities, spanning from January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. □

- All communications (emails, letters, text messages, including Signal) between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth about the meeting. □

- All communications between Secretary Burgum and White House officials about the meeting or exemption decision. □

- Communications between Secretary Burgum, Department staff, and any oil or gas company, industry trade groups, or lobbyists concerning the committee or the exemption. □

- Documents regarding the decision to call the meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal

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Copy of the Performance Work Statement (PWS) for Contract No. 140D0422F0256 for ICAM Support Services (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/05/2026 To 04/14/2027)

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[DOI-2026-006756](#)

Price, Kelvin

None

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[DOI-2026-006757](#)

Khan, Kaamil

Makpar Corporation

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Department of the Interior

I request the following records from May 1 to June 1, 2026:☐

1. I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to your bureau/office. The logs should detail the correspondence’s control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents’ names and other personal information detailed in these logs to expedite this request.☐

2. I request all records concerning Freedom of Information Act request logs maintained by your bureau/office. The FOIA logs should detail the request’s control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request’s subject.☐

3. I request a list of “special government employees” (SGEs) employed by your bureau/office, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.☐

4. I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Doug Burgum’s schedule. Please include all records that document Burgum’s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables. ☐

5. I request all records concerning the Interior Deputy Secretary Katharine MacGregor's schedule. Please include all records that document MacGregor’s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables. ☐

6. I request all records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior’s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240. Please include all records that document DOI’s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.☐

7. I request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.☐

DOI-2026-006768	Bogardus, Kevin	E&E News	-	Please consider each numbered bullet point a separate Freedom of Information Act request, each requiring its own control number and response. (Date Range for Record Search: From 05/01/2026	Complex	06/05/2026	06/05/2026
DOI-2026-006798	Pencak, Erica	Defenders of Wildlife	-	Please see attached FOIA request letter with fee waiver justification.	Complex	06/07/2026	06/08/2026



Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST ☐
5 U.S.C. § 552 ☐

TO: ☐
Secretary Doug Burgum ☐
U.S. Department of the Interior ☐
1849 C Street NW ☐
Washington, D.C. 20240 ☐

FOIA Officer ☐
U.S. Department of the Interior ☐
foia@ios.doi.gov ☐

RE: FOIA Request — Information on Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption ☐

WHO I AM ☐
As a concerned member of the public, I’m submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The public deserves to be informed about the decision-making process behind this issue. ☐

WHAT HAPPENED ☐
On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior convened the Endangered Species Committee, or "God Squad," for the first time in decades. The committee voted unanimously to allow oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, exempting it from the Endangered Species Act, a move threatening the extinction of the Rice's whale, with only around 51 individuals remaining. This meeting was chaired by Secretary Burgum.☐

RECORDS I AM REQUESTING ☐
I seek access to records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, including:☐

- All communications, including emails, letters, texts, or Signal messages between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the March 31, 2026 meeting.☐
 - All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House officials about the meeting or the exemption decision.☐
 - All communications with oil or gas companies, industry groups like the American Petroleum Institute, or lobbyists concerning the committee or the exemption.☐
- Records includes all documents, memoranda, correspondance, emails, email attachments, text messages, instant messages, chat logs, Microsoft Teams messages and recordings, calendar entries, notes, (handwritten or electronic), briefing papers, decision memoranda, reports, presentations, spreadsheets, draft and final documents, and any other materials in any format, whether in paper or electronic. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/16/2025 To 05/29/2026)
- Please see attached FOIA request.

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[DOI-2026-006800](#)

G, Alison -

[DOI-2026-006814](#)
[DOI-2026-006900](#)

Riley, Charles Pueblo of Acoma
Collette, Matthew Massey & Gail LLP



Department of the Interior

I request records sufficient to identify the employees at the Department of the Interior that have been moved, placed or transitioned into Schedule Policy/Career.□

Please consider responsive records to my request as the following:□

-- The notifications sent to officers and employees encumbering such positions of their placement in Schedule Policy/Career as directed by Section 5 of President Donald Trump's Executive Order 14410 titled "IMPLEMENTING SCHEDULE POLICY/CAREER IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE" (please see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/06/implementing-schedule-policy-career-in-the-excepted-service/>).□

-- The conformed agency records and practices to reflect changes made by this order, which agencies were to take immediate steps to document positions moved into Schedule Policy/Career.□

-- The Notifications of Personnel Action, otherwise known as SF-50s, with an effective date of June 3, 2026, that transitioned each employee into Schedule Policy/Career within seven days from the signing of□
the order, so no later than June 10, 2026.□

These records are described in the Office of Personnel Management memo titled "RE: Executive Order Implementing Schedule Policy/Career in the Excepted Service," dated June 8, 2026 (please see <https://www.opm.gov/chcoc/latest-memos/opm-memo-re-executive-order-implementing-schedule-policycareer-in-the-excepted-service.pdf>).□

Please click on this link for more details on the positions at DOI that were listed in the appendix to this order and thus were placed in Schedule Policy/Career (please see pages 165 through 174 of□
https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2026SchedulePolicyCareer.eo_.APPENDIX.pdf).

DOI-2026-006913	Bogardus, Kevin	E&E News	-		Normal	06/10/2026	06/10/2026
DOI-2026-006920	Chukwu, Chioma	-	-	DOI-26-1295 - Please see attached request	Complex	06/10/2026	06/11/2026



Department of the Interior

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) any of the officials listed below, and (b) any of the external individuals and entities listed below (including, but not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending in the listed domains), and (c) containing any of the key terms listed below. □

Department of the Interior Officials: a. Doug Burgum, Secretary b. Kate MacGregor, Deputy Secretary c. JoDee Hanson, Chief of Staff d. Anyone serving in the capacity of Chief of Staff e. Kathryn Martin, Communications Director f. Anyone serving in the capacity of Communications Director g. Kailyn Mahoney, Principal Deputy Communications Director h. Anyone serving in the capacity of Principal Deputy Communications Director i. j. Robert Lockwood, Deputy Chief of Staff Gregory Wischer, Deputy Chief of Staff k. Deidre Kohlrus, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs l. Anyone serving in the capacity of Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs m. Daniel Gustafo, Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs n. Loganathan Naidu, Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs o. Anyone serving in the capacity of Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs p. Charlotte Taylor, Press Secretary q. Anyone serving in the capacity of Press Secretary r. Aubrie Spady, Deputy Press Secretary s. Anyone serving in the capacity of Deputy Press Secretary t. Andrew King, Digital Director u. Anyone serving in the capacity of Digital Director v. William Doffermyre, Solicitor w. Damon Hagan, Principal Deputy Solicitor x. James Kelly, Deputy Solicitor y. Heather Gottry, Departmental Ethics Office Director and DAEO z. Anyone serving in the capacity of Departmental Ethics Office Director aa. Timothy Murphy, Acting Associate Solicitor bb. Anyone serving in the capacity of Associate Solicitor – General Law cc. Andrea Brandon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition dd. Anyone serving in the capacity of Director, Office of Budget ee. Anyone serving in the capacity of Director, Office of Financial Management ff. Anyon serving in the capacity of Director, Office of Acquisition and Property Management □

External Individuals and Entities:3 a. Karoline Leavitt, White House Press Secretary b. Abigail Jackson, White House Deputy Press Secretary c. Anna Kelly, White House Principal Deputy Press Secretary d. Kush Desai, White House Senior Deputy Press Secretary e. Davis Ingle, White House Spokesperson f. Taylor Rogers, White House Assistant Press Secretary g. Anyone communicating on behalf of the White House (whitehouse.gov or who.eop.gov h. Anyone communicating on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives (house.gov) i. j. Anyone communicating on behalf of the U.S. Senate (senate.gov) Anyone communicating on behalf of the National Design Studio (ndstudio.gov) □

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Key Terms: i. "Freedom 250" ii. iii. iv. v. vi. vii. viii. ix. x. xi. xii. xiii. "America 250" Freedom250 1. All formal and informal final directives, guidance, instructions, protocols, and/or policies created by, issued to, or otherwise provided to your agency regarding the 250th celebration of the United States' independence, including all such records on America250 (also known as America 250) and Freedom 250. □ 2. All official and unofficial dissent memoranda and complaints (such as formal memoranda, ethics complaints, or informal email communications) submitted to your agency regarding the 250th celebration of the United States' independence, including all such dissent memoranda and complaints on America250 (also known as America 250) and Freedom 250. For part 2 of this request, American Oversight requests all such documents received from employees, appointees, aboard members, or contractors of your agency. To be clear, American Oversight is not asking your agency to release the names of any individuals who have submitted responsive documents and does not object to withholding the name of any individual expressing dissent. 3. Records reflecting all final legal advice and analysis regarding the 250th celebration of the United States' independence, including all such legal advice and analyses on America250 (also known as America 250) and Freedom 250. For all parts of this request, American Oversight believes your office is in the best position to identify where responsive records are likely to reside, but believes a reasonable search should include, at a minimum, the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the Office of the Chief of Staff, the Office of the Communications Director, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, the Office of the Press Secretary, the Office of the Digital Director, the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Deputy Solicitor, the Departmental Ethics Office, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition, the Office of Budget, the Office of Financial Management, and the Office of Acquisition and Property Management. Additionally, for all parts of this request, please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

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Department of the Interior

Records sufficient to identify all donations solicited by and/or received on behalf ☐ of your agency for the 250th celebration of the United States' independence, ☐ including all such records that involve America250 (also known as America 250) ☐ and Freedom 250. American Oversight requests that your agency provide all ☐ donors, amounts given, and the dates of the donations. ☐

To the extent that your agency maintains aggregated information, such as ☐ spreadsheets or database records that can be readily exported to spreadsheets, ☐ such documents would be responsive to this request. ☐
American Oversight believes your office is in the best position to identify where ☐ responsive records are likely to reside, but believes a reasonable search should ☐ include, at a minimum, the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy ☐ Secretary, the Office of the Chief of Staff, the Office of the Communications ☐ Director, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, the Office of Intergovernmental ☐ and External Affairs, the Office of the Press Secretary, the Office of the Digital ☐ Director, the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Deputy Solicitor, the ☐ Departmental Ethics Office, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for ☐ Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition, the Office of Budget, the Office of ☐ Financial Management, and the Office of Acquisition and Property Management. ☐

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2025, through the ☐
1. All names and titles of all agency personnel, including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, detailees, and interns, involved in Freedom 250. ☐

2. All itemized budgets, funding programs, sources of funding, cost assessments, budgetary analyses, and financial analyses for your agency's participation in Freedom 250. Department of the Interior Officials: ☐

For part 2 of this request, American Oversight believes your office is in the best position to identify where responsive records are likely to reside, but believes a reasonable search should include, at a minimum, the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the Office of the Chief of Staff, the Office of the Communications Director, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, the Office of the Press Secretary, the Office of the Digital Director, the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Deputy Solicitor, the Departmental Ethics Office, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition, the Office of Budget, the Office of Financial Management, and the Office of Acquisition and Property Management. ☐

For both parts of this request, please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

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Department of the Interior

"1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by any of the officials listed below, and/or anyone communicating on their behalf, such as an assistant, secretary, or chief of staff, and containing any of the key terms listed below.
Department of the Interior Officials:

- a. Doug Burgum, Secretary
- b. Kate MacGregor, Deputy Secretary
- c. JoDee Hanson, Chief of Staff
- d. Anyone serving in the capacity of Chief of Staff
- e. Kathryn Martin, Communications Director
- f. Anyone serving in the capacity of Communications Director
- g. Kailyn Mahoney, Principal Deputy Communications Director
- h. Anyone serving in the capacity of Principal Deputy Communications Director
- i. Robert Lockwood, Deputy Chief of Staff
- j. Gregory Wischer, Deputy Chief of Staff
- k. Deidre Kohlrus, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs
- l. Anyone serving in the capacity of Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs
- m. Daniel Gustafo, Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs
- n. Loganathan Naidu, Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs
- o. Anyone serving in the capacity of Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs
- p. Charlotte Taylor, Press Secretary
- q. Anyone serving in the capacity of Press Secretary
- r. Aubrie Spady, Deputy Press Secretary
- s. Anyone serving in the capacity of Deputy Press Secretary
- t. Andrew King, Digital Director
- u. Anyone serving in the capacity of Digital Director
- v. William Doffermyre, Solicitor
- w. Damon Hagan, Principal Deputy Solicitor
- x. James Kelly, Deputy Solicitor
- y. Heather Gottry, Departmental Ethics Office Director and DAEO
- z. Anyone serving in the capacity of Departmental Ethics Office Director
- aa. Timothy Murphy, Acting Associate Solicitor
- bb. Anyone serving in the capacity of Associate Solicitor – General Law
- cc. Andrea Brandon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition
- dd. Anyone serving in the capacity of Director, Office of Budget

DOI-2026-006918

Chukwu, Chioma

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:☐

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

All communications, including emails, letters, text messages, DMS, etc, between Karen Budd-Falen and any representatives, officials, members or agents of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, including Tom Paterson. This request also includes any documents, calendar entries, etc, referring to or otherwise details meetings that Budd-Falen participated in at which officials from the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association were present. This request seeks records produced between March 1, 2025 and the date this request is processed.☐

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In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.☐

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

[DOI-2026-006957](#)

Tobias, Jimmy

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Upload documents directly: <https://www.mylake.com/record/2212062/>
From January 1, 2024, through January 20, 2025, records of communications between Tracy Stone-Manning and anyone at The Wilderness Society (email domain 'tws.org' and/or 'wildreiness.org')

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Chamberlain, Michael

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Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST ☐
5 U.S.C. § 552 ☐

TO: ☐
Secretary Doug Burgum ☐
U.S. Department of the Interior ☐
1849 C Street NW ☐
Washington, D.C. 20240 ☐

FOIA Officer ☐
U.S. Department of the Interior ☐
foia@ios.doi.gov ☐

RE: FOIA Request — Records Related to the Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption ☐

INTRODUCTION ☐
I am a concerned citizen filing this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. These records are vital for public understanding of critical decisions impacting our environment.
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BACKGROUND ☐
On March 31, 2026, the Endangered Species Committee, led by Secretary Burgum, met for the first time since 1992 and unanimously voted to exempt Gulf of Mexico drilling from the Endangered Species Act, threatening the Rice's whale population, which has only 51 individuals remaining. ☐

REQUESTED RECORDS ☐
I seek the following documents from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, regarding the committee meeting and the exemption decision: ☐

1. All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting.☐
 2. All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House officials about the committee meeting or the exemption.☐
 3. All communications between Secretary Burgum or Department staff and any oil company, trade group, or lobbyist regarding the committee or exemption.☐
 4. Any documents related to calling the meeting, including memos and legal opinions.☐
- I'm requesting a internal PowerPoint regarding increasing staff count for the office of the secretary for FY 2027

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records from the Office of the Secretary of Defense:

1. The complete supply chain risk designation document, memorandum, or order designating Anthropic PBC as presenting a "supply chain risk" pursuant to 41 U.S.C. § 4713, including any cover memoranda, executive summaries, or transmittal letters.
2. All internal memoranda, legal opinions, or assessments generated by the Office of General Counsel, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, or the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) in connection with the decision to designate Anthropic PBC under 41 U.S.C. § 4713, from January 1, 2026 through the date of this request.
3. All records reflecting the factual basis for the determination that Anthropic PBC presents a "significant supply chain risk" as that term is used in 41 U.S.C. § 4713(b), including any threat assessments, vendor risk reviews, technical analyses, or intelligence community referrals underlying the designation.
4. All records reflecting notice to Anthropic PBC of the designation (or any decision not to provide advance notice), including documentation of the procedures used and the legal basis for any truncated notice procedures.
5. All communications between or among officials of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the CDAO, the Office of General Counsel, and the National Security Council or Executive Office of the President regarding the Anthropic PBC supply chain risk designation from January 1, 2026 through the date of this request.
6. All records comparing Anthropic PBC's designation to prior § 4713 supply chain risk designations, including any internal analysis of whether § 4713 had previously been applied to a domestic U.S. artificial intelligence company.

[DOI-2026-007004](#)

Wojcik, KC

N/A

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7. Any contractor agreements, terms of use modifications, or certification requirements
I am requesting copies of the agency's monthly FOIA logs from January 2026 to present, if available, or a list of all FOIA submissions to the agency between January 1, 2026 and the present. If possible, include the requester, details about the topic of the request, and the status of the request.

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Occhipinti, Caitie

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Department of the Interior

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request copies of the following records held by the Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary (including the Office of the Chief Information Officer):☐

1. Any Department-level records, API documentation, technical specifications, or developer/partner guidance describing how a member of the public or an external developer may obtain access to SUBMIT data programmatically to the Department or its bureaus — e.g., any write, intake, or submission API for visitor-reported maintenance or safety conditions — as distinct from read-only public data APIs.☐
2. Any records describing a Department-wide intake, integration, or submission path for visitor-reported maintenance or safety conditions into bureau facility-management systems (including the National Park Service Facility Management Software System, FMSS), or any external/partner submission interface.☐
3. Any Department policies, directives, memoranda, standards, or developer/partner agreements governing third-party or public submission of data into Interior or bureau systems, including any digital-modernization or API-governance guidance issued under the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act.☐
4. Any planning records, roadmaps, or requirements documents concerning the addition of write/submission (non-read-only) capability to Interior or bureau public data APIs.☐

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Sanders, Barklee

ESBE Inc

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I prefer responsive records electronically (PDF or email) to the address provided. Please contact me To Whom It May Concern, ☐

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On behalf of the Center for Western Priorities, I am requesting the following records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act: ☐

Copies of all email communications, including attachments, text messages, Signal messages, and BisonConnect messages, meetings (including attachments), and meeting scheduling communications to or from Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior Karen Budd-Falen regarding the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Public Lands Council (PLC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced on February 2, 2026. Key word searches include the following: ☐

- “Public Lands Council”☐
- “PLC”☐
- “Lands Council” ☐
- “Memorandum of Understanding”☐
- “MOU” ☐

This request encompasses both digital and physical records. The date range for this request is from March 1, 2025, to the date of the search for records responsive to this request.☐

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to receiving your response within 20 business days, as required by statute. If you do not anticipate completing this request within 20 working days, please provide an estimated date of completion as required by 5 USC §552(a)(7)(B)(ii).☐

I am filing this request on behalf of the Center for Western Priorities (CWP). The Center for Western Priorities is a nonpartisan conservation and advocacy organization that serves as a source of accurate information, promotes responsible policies and practices, and ensures accountability at all levels to protect land, water, and communities in the American West. Based in Denver, Colorado, CWP works to advance responsible conservation and energy practices in the West, encouraging open, public debate to advance those discussions online, in the media, and throughout Western communities.☐

Best Regards,☐

[DOI-2026-007022](#)

Ellwood, Chad

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Chad Ellwood, on behalf of the Center for Western Priorities☐
(Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2025 To 06/15/2026)

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern, □

On behalf of the Center for Western Priorities, I am requesting the following records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act: □

Copies of all email communications, including attachments, text messages, Signal messages, and BisonConnect messages, meetings (including attachments), and meeting scheduling communications to or from Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior Karen Budd-Falen regarding the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) announced on March 31, 2026. The MOU was signed on March 31, 2026 by Interior Secretary Doug Burgum and Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. Key word searches for communications and meetings include the following: □

- ~~T~~Advancing Grazing on Forest Service and BLM Lands”□
- ~~G~~razing Action Plan” □
- ~~M~~emorandum of Understanding” AND “USDA”□
- ~~M~~emorandum of Understanding” AND “Agriculture”□
- ~~M~~emorandum of Understanding” AND “Grazing”□
- ~~M~~OU” AND “Agriculture”□
- ~~M~~OU” AND “USDA”□
- ~~M~~OU” AND “Grazing”□
- ~~M~~etings (including attachments) and meeting scheduling communications for all meetings including Karen Budd-Falen and Assistant Director for Resources and Planning Sharif Branham□

This request encompasses both digital and physical records. The date range for this request is from March 1, 2025, to the date of the search for records responsive to this request.□

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to receiving your response within 20 business days, as required by statute. If you do not anticipate completing this request within 20 working days, please provide an estimated date of completion as required by 5 USC §552(a)(7)(B)(ii).□

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Ellwood, Chad

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern, ☐

On behalf of the Center for Western Priorities, I am requesting the following records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act: ☐

Copies of all external communications, including email communications, including attachments, text messages, Signal messages, and BisonConnect messages. Copies of all meetings (including attachments), and meeting scheduling communications to or from Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior Karen Budd-Falen regarding the "Revision of Regulations for Grazing Administration, Exclusive of Alaska", proposed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on May 12, 2026. Key word searches for communications and meetings include the following: ☐

- ~~U~~Grazing Administration"☐
- ~~E~~Exclusive of Alaska" ☐
- ~~U~~Grazing rule"☐
- ~~S~~Streamlined grazing"☐
- ~~R~~angeland health"☐
- ~~U~~Grazing permits"☐
- ~~A~~amendments" AND "grazing"☐
- ~~S~~ection 4100"☐
- ~~P~~art 4100"☐

This request encompasses both digital and physical records. The date range for this request is from March 1, 2025, to the date of the search for records responsive to this request.☐

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to receiving your response within 20 business days, as required by statute. If you do not anticipate completing this request within 20 working days, please provide an estimated date of completion as required by 5 USC §552(a)(7)(B)(ii).☐

I am filing this request on behalf of the Center for Western Priorities (CWP). The Center for Western Priorities is a nonpartisan conservation and advocacy organization that serves as a source of accurate information, promotes responsible policies and practices, and ensures accountability at all levels to protect land, water, and communities in the American West. Based in Denver, Colorado, CWP works to advance responsible conservation and energy practices in the West, encouraging open, public debate to advance those discussions online, in the media, and throughout Western communities.☐

This request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act seeks all emails, forwards, replies and associated attachments – from Jan. 1, 2026 to June 16, 2026 – containing the words "Company Creek Road" or "Stehekin" from associate deputv secretary Karen Budd-Falen. Please provide me with the FY 2024-2025 allocation, disbursement and up to date expenditure information related to the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) amount of \$11.8 million intended for (as per National Park Service communications in February 2024) improvements and upgrades to outdated and unsafe recreational infrastructure in Anacostia Park, River Terrace Park, Fort Davis and Fort Dupont parks, Kenilworth Park, and the Parkland area of Shepherd Parkway. ☐

As per official NPS communications by then National Capital Parks-East superintendent Tara Morrison, planned improvements to these parks using these funds included replacement and/or rehabilitation of tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, picnic pavilions, restroom facilities, and fencing and lighting. To date, none of these improvements and/or upgrades and/or replacements have been made.☐

If any of this GAOA LRF funding has been reallocated, diverted or channeled to other Department of the Interior/National Park Service projects for America 250 or Freedom 250 in other parts of DC, I #20260261DOI003 | Risk assessments, impact assessments, environmental assessments, and/or analyses, from January 1, 2026, to present, about the impacts of off-road vehicles on Public Lands in line with President Trump's May 29, 2026 Executive Order to rescind Executive Order 11644 and Executive Order 11989. Please include the Office of the Secretary of Interior, Office of Policy Analysis, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service in your search. Please omit from search and review all publicly available press or media statements and releases. ☐

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Ellwood, Chad

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Swanson, Conrad

The Seattle Times

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McClure, Matthew Den Spotlight DC

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Valdes, Wendy

National Security Archive

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Department of the Interior							
DOI-2026-007081	Krol, Debra	Arizona Republic	-	I would like to receive meeting minutes from the meeting held June 15, 2026 with USDA Secretary Rollins, the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and PGE regarding the Potter Valley Project. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/15/2026 To 06/16/2026) Ref No: US17257 Dear FOIA Officer: Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I would like to request a copy of the winning grant application detailed below: Grant Program Title: Slip-on Tanker Units Agency/Office: U.S. Department of Interior; Interior Business Center; Acquisition Services Directorate; Office of Wildland Fire Funding Opportunity Number (FON): D24AS00253 Assistance Listing Number: 15.088 Fiscal Year: 2024 Applicant: Baker County Fire (Oregon) Funding Awarded: \$190,806 FAIN: D24AP00404 For additional clarification, I am seeking a copy of the application that was submitted by the applicant to the program detailed above, not a copy of the award contract. I would like to receive the most complete copy of the application allowable under FOIA regulations. I understand that this may increase processing time and costs. I am affiliated with a private business and am seeking information for use in the company's business. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$100. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me before completing this request. Please send the requested record and any invoices that may be associated with this request as soon as possible to the following email address: pfa.ecivis@eunasolutions.com Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you need clarification. Thank you in advance for your prompt assistance in this matter. Sincerely, Jordyn Jann Grants Research Assistant Euna Solutions	Normal	06/17/2026	06/17/2026
DOI-2026-007099	Jann, Jordyn	Euna Solutions	-		Complex	06/17/2026	06/18/2026



Department of the Interior

I request emails sent to and from the following individuals at the Department of the Interior related to the sauerkraut diet used by members of President Donald Trump’s Cabinet from Jan. 20, 2025 to June 19, 2026:

- Doug Burgum
- Katharine MacGregor
- JoDee Hanson
- Karen Budd-Falen
- Tyler Hassen
- Matt Schafle
- Laura Rigas
- Katie Martin

Please consider emails containing one or more of the following search terms as responsive records to my request:

- “sauerkraut” OR
- “kimchi” OR
- “grass-fed steak” OR
- “fermented vegetable” OR
- “fermented vegetables” OR
- “Sean O’ Mara” OR
- “https://www.wsj.com/lifestyle/fitness/trump-vance-lutnick-rfk-sauerkraut-diet-2f33bdf1”

Responsive records to my request are likely to be found in DOI’s Office of the Secretary.

Please do not consider responsive records to my request as already publicly-released material, such as correspondence sent by members of the general public, email newsletters, email news alerts, news clippings and press releases, unless this material was emailed with commentary to and/or from one of the named individuals in this request.

Please click on this link for more detail about the sauerkraut diet used by members of President Donald Trump’s Cabinet (https://www.wsj.com/lifestyle/fitness/trump-vance-lutnick-rfk-sauerkraut-diet-2f33bdf1). (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/20/2025 To 06/19/2026)

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Bogardus, Kevin

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Department of the Interior

FOIA Request to DOI Office of the Secretary: Records Concerning Factual Basis for Claims That Vandalism Caused Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool Conditions

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request records from the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary concerning the factual basis, public explanation, internal review, approval, or communication of claims that vandalism caused, contributed to, or worsened recent conditions at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

This request is directed only to the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary. It includes communications or public affairs personnel, senior leadership staff, and any Office of the Secretary custodians reasonably likely to have created, received, reviewed, approved, circulated, or relied upon records concerning public claims that vandalism caused, contributed to, or worsened recent conditions at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

This request is not intended to duplicate a separate request to the National Park Service for operational, maintenance, contractor, facilities, or U.S. Park Police records. However, this request does seek any such records if they were sent to, received by, summarized for, discussed by, approved by, circulated by, or relied upon by the Office of the Secretary.

Please search for records from May 1, 2026 through the date of search.

To reduce burden and avoid seeking unrelated routine maintenance records, this request is limited to records concerning one or more of the following subjects:

Any claim, statement, assessment, or discussion that vandalism caused, contributed to, or worsened recent conditions at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

The factual basis for any such claim, statement, assessment, public statement, talking point, press guidance, briefing material, or response to media inquiry.

Records provided to, received by, reviewed by, approved by, circulated by, or relied upon by the Office of the Secretary concerning alleged vandalism, chemical contamination, corrosive chemicals, tampering, sabotage, foreign substances, gashes, cuts, tears, slashes, coating damage, liner damage, surface damage, algae, discoloration, drainage, repairs, warranty issues, contractor work, or other possible causes of recent Reflecting Pool conditions.

Final or approved public statements, talking points, Q&A documents, press guidance, briefing materials, media responses, social media drafts approved for release, or final social media posts concerning whether vandalism caused, contributed to, or worsened recent Reflecting Pool conditions.

Communications between the Office of the Secretary and the National Park Service, National Mall and Memorial Parks, U.S. Park Police, the White House, the Executive Office of the President, or any other federal office concerning public claims that vandalism caused, contributed to, or worsened recent conditions at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following records from the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO), Department of Defense:

1. All Responsible AI (RAI) assessments, AI ethics reviews, AI impact assessments, or responsible AI certifications conducted by or for the CDAO in connection with the classified artificial intelligence contracts announced on approximately May 1, 2026, involving the following vendors: Google LLC / Google Public Sector, Microsoft Corporation, Amazon Web Services Inc., Nvidia Corporation, OpenAI LLC, Reflection AI Inc., and Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX).
2. All records reflecting human oversight requirements, autonomous operation limitations, lethal targeting restrictions, or rules of engagement compliance obligations included in, attached to, or negotiated in connection with each of the seven classified AI contracts announced May 1, 2026.
3. All records reflecting any ethics review, AI safety assessment, or usage policy review conducted in connection with the Grok AI system or xAI (X.AI Corp.) in connection with the CDAO contract awarded on or about July 14, 2025, including any review of xAI's compliance with DOD AI Ethical Principles (adopted February 2020) or the DOD AI Strategy issued January 9, 2026.
4. All records reflecting any similar ethics review, AI safety assessment, or usage policy review conducted in connection with Anthropic PBC or its Claude models in connection with any CDAO contract consideration, RFI, RFP, or procurement action from January 1, 2025 through the date of this request.
5. All records reflecting CDAO's implementation of, or compliance assessment under, OMB Memorandum M-25-22 ("Driving Efficient Acquisition of Artificial Intelligence in Government," April 3, 2025) for the July 2025 frontier AI contracts and the May 2026 classified AI contracts, including competitive marketplace analyses, vendor lock-in assessments, and data portability evaluations.

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Wojcik, KC

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:☐

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

Any written or electronic communications, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages or other communications, sent or received by Jenifer Chatfield that contain one or more of the following key words or phrases: "Bernhardt", "Willens", "Rojewski", "Charles River", "macaques", "Cambodia", and/or "Actual Resource Solutions".☐

I seek records produced since March 1, 2025. I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied I am willing to pay \$25.☐

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.☐

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.☐

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

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Tobias, Jimmy

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:☐

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

- All written or electronic communication, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages, notes and/or letters, between Gregory Wischer and any representatives, employees or staff of Twin Metals Minnesota or its parent company, Antofagasta Plc. This request also seeks any communications between Wischer and any employees or representatives of The Bernhardt Group, a lobbying firm founded by former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. This request seeks records produced since April 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed.☐
- All written or electronic communication, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages, notes and/or letters, between Andrea Travnicek and any employees or representatives of The Bernhardt Group, a lobbying firm founded by former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. This request seeks records produced since April 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed.☐
- All written or electronic communication, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages, notes and/or letters, between Scott Cameron and any employees or representatives of The Bernhardt Group, a lobbying firm founded by former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. This request seeks records produced since April 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed.☐

I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied, I am willing to pay \$25.☐

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.☐

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.☐

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

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Tobias, Jimmy

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:☐

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

All written or electronic communication, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages, notes and/or letters, between Andrea Travnicek and any employees or representatives of The Bernhardt Group, a lobbying firm founded by former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. This request seeks records produced since April 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed.☐

I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied I am willing to pay \$25.☐

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.☐

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.☐

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

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Tobias, Jimmy

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To Whom It May Concern:☐

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

All written or electronic communication, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages, notes and/or letters, sent or received by Andrea Travnicek that contains the following keyword: "Cadiz".☐

I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied I am willing to pay \$25.☐

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.☐

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.☐

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

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Tobias, Jimmy

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Department of the Interior

To Whom It May Concern:☐

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:☐

All written or electronic communication, including emails, texts, DMs, Signal messages, notes and/or letters, between Scott Cameron and any employees or representatives of The Bernhardt Group, a lobbying firm founded by former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt. This request seeks records produced since April 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed.☐

I am a reporter for Public DOrain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied I am willing to pay \$25.☐

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.☐

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Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.☐

Sincerely,☐

Jimmy Tobias☐

[DOI-2026-007193](#)

Tobias, Jimmy

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Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
5 U.S.C. § 552

TO:
Secretary Doug Burgum
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of the Interior
foia@ios.doi.gov

RE: FOIA Request — Records Related to the Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption

WHO I AM
As a concerned citizen, I'm requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act because I believe it's crucial for the public to understand how these decisions are made.

WHAT HAPPENED
Recently, the Interior Department held a significant meeting with the Endangered Species Committee, dubbed the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. The committee decided to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico under the Endangered Species Act, potentially endangering the Rice's whale, with only 51 individuals remaining. Secretary Burgum chaired this meeting.

RECORDS I AM REQUESTING
I request the following records concerning the committee meeting and the exemption decision from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026:

- All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting.
 - All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official regarding the meeting or the Gulf of Mexico exemption.
 - All communications involving Secretary Burgum, Interior staff, and any oil or gas entities about the committee or the exemption.
- Congressional correspondence received from Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez from January 1, 2024, to the present.
The 2026 monthly logs of FOIA requests made upon the Secretary's Office current up to the date of fulfillment of this request. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2025 To 12/31/2026)

DOI-2026-007209	Powell, Ellie	-	-	-	06/22/2026	06/22/2026
DOI-2026-007215	Anderson, Michael	Records Support Services	-	Normal	06/22/2026	06/22/2026
DOI-2026-007259	Murphy, Andrew	-	-	Normal	06/23/2026	06/23/2026
DOI-2026-006311	Rust, Susanne	LA Times	-	Simple	05/18/2026	06/24/2026
DOI-2026-006312	Rust, Susanne	LA Times	-	Complex	05/18/2026	06/24/2026



Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST ☐
5 U.S.C. § 552 ☐

TO: ☐
Secretary Doug Burgum ☐
U.S. Department of the Interior ☐
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FOIA Officer ☐
U.S. Department of the Interior ☐
foia@ios.doi.gov ☐

RE: FOIA Request — Records on the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption ☐

WHO I AM ☐
As a concerned citizen and climate activist, I’m filing this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. My purpose is to ensure transparency about this crucial decision impacting public welfare. ☐

WHAT HAPPENED ☐
On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior reconvened the Endangered Species Committee, colloquially called the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. Their unanimous decision to exempt all oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act poses a severe threat to the Rice’s whale, with a population of merely 51 individuals. Secretary Burgum led the session. ☐

RECORDS I AM REQUESTING ☐
I seek records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, related to the Endangered Species Committee meeting and exemption decision: ☐

- Emails, letters, texts (including Signal) between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the committee meeting. ☐
- Communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official concerning the committee meeting or exemption pursuit for Gulf oil and gas projects. ☐
- Interactions between Secretary Burgum, Interior staff, and any oil or gas entity, industry groups All SF-52s, SF-50s, email correspondence, and records of requests to convert Rachel Nelson from a recent graduate appointment to a permanent position, and requests for a 5th year extension. I also request any correspondence regarding the decision-making process of lack-thereof which resulted in the loss of employment. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2026 To 06/23/2026)
-Any record mentioning or related to the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. released in response to any other FOIA request or litigant. The date range for this request is January 1, 2026 until the present.☐

Because this is a request for records that were previously released and do not need to be reviewed please place this request in your SIMPLE PROCESSING QUEUE

[DOI-2026-006327](#)

Acosta, Carlos

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[DOI-2026-007284](#)

Nelson, Rachel

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06/24/2026

[DOI-2026-007317](#)

Jones, Nate

The Washington Post

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06/24/2026



Department of the Interior

The date range for each of the below requests s is January 1, 2026 until the date this request is processed.□							
				-All “Coating Inspection Reports”, or similar records, related to the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. □			
				-All contracts related to work or repairs on the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This request includes records relating to the recoating of the pool, any pumps used by the pool, the pool’s expansion joints, and any other repairs to the pool.□			
				-All inspection reports or similar records mentioning or related to the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This includes, but is not limited to, the June 9, 2026 U.S. Park Police report that described “razor blade slashes” made to the foam of the pool. It also includes reports that describe “171-foot blade” cuts to the pool and, any other inspections or reports.□			
DOI-2026-007319	Jones, Nate	The Washington Post	-	- All reviews of renovations or construction to the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This includes but is not limited to any review as to why renovations to the pool failed. It also includes any review conducted under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and/or National Environmental Policy Act, which a Department of Justice Lawyer told a court on May 12, 2026 had been conducted. I am requesting copies of all records and correspondence held by the Office of the Secretary referencing or including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and/or Meredith O'Rourke, the fundraiser for the aroup. from 1/20/2025 to the date of processing. I am writing to follow up on a FOIA referral your office received from the Office of the Secretary of War/Joint Staff (OSW/JS). Their May 6, 2026 response states:□	Complex	06/24/2026	06/24/2026
DOI-2026-007341	Miller, Zeke	Associated Press	-	“the Department of Interior (DOI) would have cognizance over 317 pages... We have referred your FOIA request and the appropriate pages to the DOI...”□ As a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, these records relate directly to my family and community. I am requesting confirmation that DOI has received the referred materials and opened a FOIA case.□ Please provide:□ The DOI FOIA case number assigned□ The estimated completion date□ Any updates regarding the 317 pages transferred to your office□	Complex	06/25/2026	06/25/2026
DOI-2026-007364	McDowell, Sean	-	-		Simple	06/25/2026	06/26/2026



Department of the Interior

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.□

I request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: □

-Any and all permit applications applied for by the Ultimate Fighting Championship, TKO Group Holdings, Endeavor Group Holdings, Zuffa LLC or Dana White for use of federal land in Washington, D.C. □

-Any and all expenditures related to the UFC event at the White House event June 14, 2026 and surrounding events from June 1-14, 2026 on federal park lands – including but not limited to President’s Park South, the Ellipse, Lincoln Memorial, White House and National Mall -- in Washington, D.C. that have been made.□

-Any and all invoices sent to the Ultimate Fighting Championship, TKO Group Holdings, Endeavor Group Holdings, Zuffa LLC or any companies or organizations doing work for those groups related to the UFC event at the White House on June 14, 2026 or any of the related events in Washington, D.C. leading up to it, including but not limited to the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial, the Ellipse and President’s Park South on June 7-14. □

-Any economic estimates from the Department of Interior about costs related to the UFC White House event or its surrounding events on President’s Park South, the National Mall or elsewhere. □

-Any contracts signed between the Department of the Interior and Ultimate Fighting Championship, TKO Group Holdings, Endeavor Group Holdings, Zuffa LLC, Dana White or anyone representing those groups of people for the UFC White House event or other events in the Washington, D.C. area. □

Any and all communications – including but not limited to text messages, emails, Signal messages, What’s App messages and other written communication – sent from or received by Doug Burgam or an assistant working for him from Feb. 1, 2025-Present with any of the following terms: “UFC,” “Ultimate Fighting Championship,” “Dana White,” “TKO,” “Matt Richman,” “Matt Hall,” “Tait,” or “Harbinger.” □

Any and all communications – including but not limited to text messages, emails, Signal messages, What’s App messages and other written communication – sent from or received by Kate MacGregor or an assistant working for her from Feb. 1, 2025-Present with any of the following terms: “UFC,” “Ultimate Fighting Championship,” “Dana White,” “TKO,” “Matt Richman,” “Matt Hall,” “Tait,” or DFF requests that your agency produce the following within twenty (20) business days: □

Records reflecting the agency’s policy (such as manuals, governance documents, training materials, or compliance memoranda) regarding agency staff’s use of generative artificial intelligence (“AI”).□

Records reflecting all approved generative AI systems (such as Grok, OpenAI, Claude, Gemini) in use at the agency.□

Records reflecting the agency’s policy (such as manuals, governance documents, training materials, or compliance memoranda) outlining any preservation requirements for AI inputs and outputs. □

Records reflecting all Privacy Threshold Assessments (“PTA”) or Privacy Impact Assessments (“PII”) associated with generative AI tools/systems/platforms used by the agency.□

We assess your agency is best positioned to determine where responsive records may reside. However, at a minimum, a search for responsive records should include any of the following offices (or offices that serve similar functions): the Office of Chief Information Officer (“OCIO”), Office of Information and Technology (“OIT”), Office of the Chief Digital & Information Officer (“OCDIO”), Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (“CDAIO”) or Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy (“CDP”), any dedicated AI teams, and any other cross-functional teams overseeing the use of AI at your agency.□

This request seeks records from January 20, 2025, until the date of the search.

[DOI-2026-007378](#)

Rothstein, Michael ESPN

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[DOI-2026-007396](#)

Perryman, Skye Democracy Forward Foundation -

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Department of the Interior

I request copies of any and all records generated, received, maintained, or held by the Department of the Interior (DOI), its bureaus, offices, or personnel, concerning or related to:Jacob “Jake” Barber (or any variations of his name), including any contracts, task orders, cooperative agreements, grants, proposals, correspondence, performance evaluations, security clearances, or payments involving him personally or through any companies, LLCs, or entities he owned, operated, or was associated with.□
Any businesses or entities established by Jake Barber specifically for the purpose of pursuing or performing government contracts with DOI (or inter-agency work involving DOI lands, facilities, or programs), particularly those involving security, transportation, logistics, recovery operations, human performance, or related activities.□
Any work, projects, or operations on DOI-managed lands, facilities, or involving DOI resources that relate to anomalous phenomena, UAP/UFO retrieval/transportation, consciousness research, psionics, ESP, near-death experiences (NDE), or related cognitive/human effectiveness studies.□

Time period: January 1, 1995 to the present.This request includes but is not limited to: contract files, statements of work, invoices, payment records, correspondence (including emails), meeting notes, after-action reports, and any documentation referencing Jake Barber or his entities in the context of DOI contracting.
We request records sufficient to identify the costs of creating and raising the banner of President Donald Trump at the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building in Washington, D.C.□

I also request records sufficient to identify the costs of illuminating the banner of President Donald Trump at night.□
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Please consider responsive records to this request awards; bank and credit card statements; checks, signed and/or canceled; contracts; invoices; purchase orders; receipts; and/or requests for information, proposals and/or quotes.□
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Please click on this link for more detail on creating and raising the banner of President Donald Trump (<https://x.com/PenguinSix/status/2069774858263605581>).

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[DOI-2026-007409](#)

Warfel, Kyle Liberation Times

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[DOI-2026-007420](#)

Bogardus, Kevin E&E News

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Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST ☐
5 U.S.C. § 552 ☐

TO: ☐
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Washington, D.C. 20240 ☐

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SUBJECT: FOIA Request — Records on Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico
Drilling Exemption ☐

INTRODUCTION ☐
I am a concerned citizen invoking the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as I
believe transparency is crucial for public awareness of decision-making processes. ☐

EVENT DESCRIPTION ☐
On March 31, 2026, the Endangered Species Committee, or "God Squad," convened for the first time
since 1992, deciding to exempt Gulf of Mexico oil drilling from the Endangered Species Act. This
decision poses a risk to Rice's whale, a species teetering on the brink of extinction. Secretary
Burgum oversaw this meeting. ☐

REQUEST DETAILS ☐
I seek records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, related to this meeting and exemption
decision, including: ☐

- All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding
the meeting. ☐
- All communications between Secretary Burgum and White House officials concerning the meeting
or exemption decision. ☐
- All communications between Secretary Burgum, Interior Department staff, and oil or gas
companies, industry trade groups, or lobbyists regarding the committee or exemption. ☐
- Documents on why the March 31 meeting was called, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions. Simple

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Steiner, Monika

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Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST ☐
5 U.S.C. § 552 ☐

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RE: FOIA Request — Records on March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption ☐

WHO I AM ☐
As a passionate advocate for our planet and its creatures, I am submitting this FOIA request. I believe the public has a right to transparency in decisions affecting our environment. ☐

WHAT HAPPENED ☐
On March 31, 2026, the Endangered Species Committee, nicknamed the "God Squad," reconvened after decades, chaired by Secretary Burgum. They voted to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf despite risks to the Rice's whale, now under dire threat. ☐

RECORDS I AM REQUESTING ☐
I seek records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, including: ☐

- Communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting. ☐
- Communications between Secretary Burgum and White House officials about the exemption. ☐
- Communications between the Interior staff and oil or gas entities regarding the exemption. ☐
- Documents on the decision to call the meeting, including memos and legal opinions. ☐
- The March 16, 2026 Federal Register notice and related drafting records. ☐
- Materials prepared for or presented at the meeting. ☐
- Records of the vote, including individual votes. ☐
- Any conditions attached to the exemption. ☐

[DOI-2026-006338](#)

Branum, Christie

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Department of the Interior

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I respectfully request copies of the following records relating to Clark Construction Group, LLC and/or any affiliated entities ("Clark Construction"):

- ☐ Any contracts, subcontracts, task orders, grants, cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, purchase orders, or other agreements between Clark Construction and any federal agency, department, or office.
- ☐ Any records reflecting payments, reimbursements, invoices, disbursements, appropriations, or expenditures made to or on behalf of Clark Construction.
- ☐ Any communications, including emails, memoranda, meeting notes, briefing materials, or correspondence, between Clark Construction representatives and federal officials regarding:
 - ☐ federally funded projects,
 - ☐ procurement activities,
 - ☐ construction services,
 - ☐ infrastructure projects,
 - ☐ event planning or staging,
 - ☐ security enhancements,
 - ☐ historic preservation work,
 - ☐ or any federally funded religious, commemorative, or ceremonial event.
- ☐ Any records concerning the selection, bidding, procurement, approval, or awarding of contracts involving Clark Construction.
- ☐ Any ethics disclosures, lobbying disclosures, conflict-of-interest reviews, waivers, or compliance determinations related to Clark Construction contracts or federal engagements.
- ☐ Any records identifying the source of federal funding, appropriated funds, or reimbursable accounts used in connection with contracts or payments involving Clark Construction.

Please construe this request broadly. I request records created, received, maintained, or transmitted from January 1, 2024 through the present.

DOI-2026-006389	RIEGERT, ASHLEY	-	-	I request that all responsive records be provided electronically in searchable PDF format where possible. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 05/19/2026)	Simple	05/19/2026	06/29/2026
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Department of the Interior

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST ☐
5 U.S.C. § 552 ☐

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Washington, D.C. 20240 ☐

FOIA Officer ☐
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RE: FOIA Request — Records Related to the Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption ☐

WHO I AM ☐
As a concerned member of the public, I'm seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, because I believe transparency is crucial for public awareness regarding this decision. ☐

WHAT HAPPENED ☐
The Department of the Interior's Endangered Species Committee, called the "God Squad," met for the first time since 1992 on March 31, 2026. They decided to exempt all oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act, a move that could drive the Rice's whale, with its population of only 51, to extinction. Secretary Burgum led this meeting. ☐

RECORDS I AM REQUESTING ☐
I'm requesting records from January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, including: ☐

- Communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth related to this meeting. ☐
 - Communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official regarding the meeting or the exemption decision. ☐
 - Communications between Secretary Burgum, Interior staff, and any oil or gas companies or lobbyists about the committee or the exemption. ☐
 - Documents on the decision to hold this meeting, including memos or legal opinions. ☐
- I'd like the full organizational charts for the DOI Office of Communications (roughly 400 positions) with grade levels (general schedule) for each of the positions.

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[DOI-2026-006420](#)

Mendonça, Lucas -

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[DOI-2026-006428](#)

Peterson, Natalie -

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Department of the Interior

Dear Records Access Officer,☐

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, et seq. Pursuant to the FOIA, I request access to and copies of the following records:☐

— All communications, including but not limited to emails, calendars and schedules, itineraries, expenses and other records related to Interior Secretary Doug Burgum’s participation in The Great American Road Trip video series spearheaded by Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy. ☐

For context, see this YouTube trailer of the video series in which Burgum appears:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPNmTYUi9DY>. ☐

Please provide the requested records on a rolling basis as they become available to you without waiting until all of them have been processed, and please search for any records even if they have already been made public. ☐

I also request an estimated date of completion and disclosure about whether artificial intelligence will be used and/or was used to fulfill this request. Please furnish the records in an electronic format, preferably via email to sogozalekwork@gmail.com. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B)-(C). ☐

Be advised that I am a reporter at the POLITICO news organization of Arlington, Virginia, and the purpose of this request is made as part of news gathering and is not for a commercial use. I was previously a reporter at the Tampa Bay Times and The Island Packet news organizations of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Bluffton, South Carolina. POLITICO is a “representative of the news media” for the purposes of a FOIA fee waiver and therefore may not be charged search and review fees because it “gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw material into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience.” Am. Civil Liberties Union v. Department of Justice, 321 F. Supp. 2d 24 (D.D.C. 2004).☐

Disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest because it would likely contribute significantly to public understanding of Interior Department operations and activities and is not primarily in my commercial interest. The records would provide valuable insight into the department’s operations. As such, I request that duplication fees be waived. If there are duplication fees, please notify me before proceeding. Please provide a receipt indicating the proposed charges for each document. If my fee waiver request is denied, I ask that I be considered a member of the news media for fee purposes.☐

DOI-2026-007425	Ogozalek, Sam	-	-	I request that a copy of any documents, communications and receipts related to the plans to clear algae from the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool after it was refilled with water on June 4 and 5, 2026. These documents from the Interior Department’s secretary’s office and NPS should specifically be in association with any planning, designing, construction and soliciting of additional funds as part of the effort to clear algae after the pool was refilled. I do not wish to inspect the documents first. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2026 To 08/31/2026)	Normal	06/29/2026	06/29/2026
DOI-2026-007429	Ewall-Wice, Sarah	-	-	I request that a copy of any documents, communications and receipts related to the renovation of Lafayette Square Park under President Donald Trump. These documents from the Interior Department’s secretary’s office should specifically be in association with any planning, designing, construction and soliciting of additional funds as part of the effort to renovate the park including its statues and walkways. I do not wish to inspect the documents first. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2026 To 07/31/2026)	-	06/29/2026	06/29/2026
DOI-2026-007431	Ewall-Wice, Sarah	-	-		-	06/29/2026	06/29/2026



Department of the Interior

Dear FOIA Officer: □

I request, in electronic form, the organizational-component reference table maintained within the Federal Personnel and Payroll System (FPPS) — specifically the Table Management (TMGT) subsystem and/or the FPPS Datamart, administered by the Interior Business Center (IBC) — that maps each organizational component code to its official organizational component name/title for the entire Department of the Interior (agency code IN, all bureaus and offices). I seek this table to decode the organizational_component_code values carried in a dataset I obtained from OPM's Enterprise Human Resources Integration (EHRI) system. □

In that extract, the component-name field is populated only with the placeholder "UNKNOWN - [code]" for every DOI component (the sole non-placeholder values being "REDACTED" for protected records). This indicates that the code-to-name translation originates from the DOI's own FPPS/TMGT reference data. □

Please provide the lookup table described above as it existed for the pay-period status snapshot of April 2026, or the current version of the table if a the April 2026 snapshot is not separately retained. □

By "organizational component code" I mean the full, most-granular component identifier as carried in the personnel extract's organizational_component_code field; for example, codes of the form IN2413830, not merely the four-character agency-subelement level (e.g., IN24). I request every level of the hierarchy present in the table, from agency subelement down to the most granular division/branch code. □

Pursuant to the Department's stated practice that a request "will be presumed to seek only records from that particular bureau, unless the request specifies otherwise," I specify that this request seeks the complete Department-wide table covering every agency subelement and all subordinate components (including, for example, IN01, IN05, IN06, IN07, IN08, IN10, IN15, IN21, IN22, IN24, IN26, IN27, IN28, IN29, and all components beneath them). □

For each component code, I request only: (1) the component code; (2) the component name/title; and, if present in the same table, (3) the parent component code and (4) the effective date. I am not requesting any personnel, payroll, or individually identifiable records. — only the code-to-name reference table itself. Because it is a structural/metadata table, it contains no personal privacy interest and should be readily exportable. □

FGI requests from the Department of the Interior, the list of non-governmental organizations □ (NGOs) that received grant money and were using those funds against the priorities of the □ administration, from the 2,000 NGOs investigated by the agency, as referenced to in the Townhall □ article1 published on June 13, 2026. □

FGI requests from the Department of the Interior, the entire list of the names of the 43 □ organizations, which included, the Hispanic Access Foundation and Latino Outdoors, whose □ partnerships with the agency were terminated, referenced to in the Fox News article1 published on □ June 11, 2026. □

Please see the request letter for additional details.

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[DOI-2026-007434](#)

Pollack, John

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[DOI-2026-007442](#)

Stanley, Chris

Functional Government Initiatiϵ -

[DOI-2026-007443](#)

Stanley, Chris

Functional Government Initiatiϵ -



Department of the Interior

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request:

Records sufficient to show all line-of-duty deaths among wildland firefighters within the Department of the Interior— including among temporary employees and employees holding certifications known as "red cards" — between January 1, 2017, and the date upon which this search is conducted.

With all, please include data for the entirety of the Department of the Interior's wildland fire program. With all, please provide records that include the following information for each: the location of the death(s); the date of the death(s); the cause of death(s) and the type of injury(ies) or illness(es) sustained.

I would like to receive the information in the following format: electronic.

I am available to discuss the scope of the request and any questions by phone (505.216.6077) or email (abe.streep@propublica.org).

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. This information is being sought on behalf of ProPublica, an independent non-profit news organization, for dissemination to the general public.

ProPublica is a non-profit, investigative newsroom primarily engaged in disseminating information in the public interest. Since it began publishing in 2008, ProPublica has received numerous recognitions of journalistic excellence, including multiple Pulitzer Prizes and George Polk Awards.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,
Abe Streep
Southwest Reporter

DOI-2026-007450	Streep, Abraham	ProPublica	-	ProPublica	Simple	06/30/2026	06/30/2026
DOI-2026-007458	Nadler, Adina	The Wilderness Society	-	Please see the attached document from The Wilderness Society detailing our request for records, including the date range for the record search.	Complex	06/30/2026	06/30/2026
Action Office: OS-ONRR				Total No of Requests for 'OS' :76			

Download history for payor # 46102 - Southland Royalty- for leases 7500820080 and 75018M1270 with agreement number blank and with agreement # C 79202A. These are Southern Ute leases and under ONRR review. Electronic CSV/Excel version is preferred file output.

DOI-2026-005970	Befort, Terri	TXO Partners/Morningstar Oper	-	Southland Royalty declared bankruptcy and Morningstar Operating acquired the San Juan Basin properties. (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2019 To 05/31/2020)	Simple	05/04/2026	06/04/2026
DOI-2026-007264	Murphy, Andrew	-	-	Please see attached FOIA request. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2026 To 12/31/2026)	Simple	06/23/2026	06/23/2026



Department of the Interior

Liskow & Lewis, APLC represents J.M. Huber Corporation ("Huber") in connection with its appeal of a Demand for Payment and related Invoice No. OTH100017577 (the "Demand") issued by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue ("ONRR") and referencing Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("BSEE") inspection fees related to OCS-00263, South Timbalier Area Block 21.□
Liskow & Lewis, APLC, on behalf of our client Huber, requests the following information:□
Request No. 1: All documents included in the administrative record underlying the Demand and lease referenced above. The Demand is attached hereto for ease of reference.□
Request No. 2: All documents relating to BSEE's and/or ONRR's policies, practices, procedures, regulations, rules, or guidance documents concerning the issuance of inspection fees to lease predecessors, or their contractors, whom, in response to a BSEE-issued decommissioning order, are designated as the single entity that will serve as operator or agent for decommissioning operations.□
Please also provide all attachments to the requested documents. If you deny this request, please cite each specific exemption you believe justifies your refusal to release the information. Any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided after redaction of any alleged exempt material. See 43 CFR § 2.25.□
I am affiliated with a private corporation seeking information as a commercial use requestor.□
**Also attached is a complete copy of invoice no. OTH100017577.

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