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DOI-2026-006440	Ellwood, Chad	-	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 including the key words "Atlantic Industrial Coatings", "Atlantic Coatings", and "Atlantic Industrial" to or from the following individuals: •Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum •Deputy Secretary of the Interior Katherine MacGregor •Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior Karen Budd-Falen •Communications Director Kathryn Martin •Senior Advisor to the Secretary JoDee Hanson •Senior Advisor to the Secretary Jarrod Agen •Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor Gregory Wischer •DOI-OS staff member Lucy Herrington •Assistant Secretary -- Policy, Management and Budget Troy Finnegan •Advisor to the Secretary Tyler Kellogg •Deputy Chief of Staff Robert Lockwood •Deputy Director for Advance Danelle Hopkins •Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Diedre Kohlrus •White House Liaison Laura Rigas •Special Assistant to the Secretary Nicholas Duber This request encompasses both digital and physical records. The date range for this request is from March 1, 2026, 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. (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2026 To 05/31/2026)	Simple	Normal	05/21/2026	05/21/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-005925	Brown, Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"), Office of the Secretary ("OS") from November 13, 2025 to the date OS conducts this search: 1.The records, excluding emails, documenting Interior's implementation of Section 5 of the Executive Order "Declaring a national Energy Emergency." (Jan. 20, 2025) https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/declaring-a-national-energy-emergency/, including but not limited to: a.Phone logs and the records of such phone conversations, as well as any other correspondence, excluding emails, between the action agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS"), U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior") or between the action agency and/or FWS and any other federal agency, initiating emergency consultation as set forth in Section 8.2(A) of FWS and the National Marine Fisheries Services' Endangered Species Consultation Handbook (https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf). b.Phone logs and the records of such phone conversations, as well as any other correspondence, excluding emails, between the action agency, Interior, and/or FWS during/throughout the emergency response, including any recommendations by FWS to minimize the effects of the emergency on listed species and critical habitat; c.Any request from the action agency to initiate formal consultation as set forth in Section 8.2(B); d.The final emergency biological opinion set forth in Section 8.2(C); and e.Any conservation recommendations as set forth in Section 8.2(E). 2.The final action plans set forth in Section 4(a) and 4(b) of the Secretarial Order "Addressing the National Energy Emergency" (Feb. 3, 2025) https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3417-addressing-national-energy-emergency. For this request, the term "records" refers to documents, 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. The Center is willing to receive records on a rolling basis.	Complex	Complex	05/01/2026	05/01/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006205	Brown, Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"), Office of the Secretary ("OS") from February 13, 2026 to the date OS conducts this search: 1.The summary reports sent to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by Section 5(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14156 ("E.O. 14156") of January 20, 2025 ("Declaring a National Energy Emergency"). Section 5(a)(ii) directs all agency heads to provide these summary reports within 30 days of the date of E.O. 14156 (i.e., by February 28, 2025); and 2.The status reports sent to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by Section 5(c) of E.O. 14156. Section 5(c) directs all agency heads to provide these status reports within 30 days of the initial summary report required by Section 5(a)(ii) of E.O. 14156, and at least every 30 days thereafter. The Center is willing to receive records on a rolling basis.	Simple	Normal	05/13/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	05/28/2026

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DOI-2026-006431	Skroupa, James	-	Please provide information on the illegal activities targeting me 01/2016-05/20/2026. Based on current correspondence the illegal activities may be linked to a location around 3640 West Watersville Road, Mount Airy Maryland 21771. The illegal activities are likely linked to falsification of government records, fraud and identity theft. Provided the fraud has surfaced it may be located with The Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Aviation Services (OAS) under DOI Office of the Secretary (OS). This is all the information I can provide as a victim for over 10 years still suffering losing my life among the list of no fault of my own doing. The request is solely for the purpose of stopping the illegal scheme and activities involved aircrafts and participants on the ground level that operate in rolling form operating vehicles engaging in organized harassment, providing the documentation officially to the Carroll County Sheriffs Department, States Attorneys Office, Federal Agencies for criminal accountability and starting the liability and litigation stages to address damages and my life taken as a direct result of the illegal scheme.	Simple	-	05/20/2026	05/21/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006108	Bogardus, Kevin	E&E News	I request all "5 things" or "five things" emails sent by the following individuals at the Department of Energy from Feb. 1, 2025 to Aug. 8, 2025: Doug Burgum Katharine MacGregor JoDee Hanson Karen Budd-Falen Tyler Hassen Matt Schafie Laura Rigas Katie Martin The "5 things" or "five things" email was an initiative by Elon Musk, then the head of the Department of Government Efficiency. All federal employees sent emails with approximately five bullet points of what they accomplished during the prior week to hrl@opm.gov and copied their manager, according to Office of Personnel Management guidance (please see https://www.opm.gov/chcoc/latest-memos/guidance-on-government-wide-email-what-did-you-do-last-week.pdf). "At the same time, we decided to end the 'five things' email reporting process. Our view is simple: every federal manager has an obligation to track and prioritize what their team is working on — be that through regular one-on-ones or otherwise. The five things email was an augment to that, so if managers find it useful to deploy, they of course are free to do so directly. But OPM will no longer maintain a centralized inbox for this practice," OPM Director Scott Kupor said in an Aug. 8, 2025 blog post (please see https://www.opm.gov/news/secret-of-opm/supporting-agencies-through-change/). 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 these links for more detail about the "5 things" or "five things" emails (https://x.com/elonmusk/status/1893386883444437415; https://x.com/elonmusk/status/1893507929493643451; and https://www.politico.com/news/2025/08/05/white-house-ends-musk-five-things-emails-00494616). (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/01/2025 To 08/08/2025)	Simple	Normal	05/08/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-005937	Bogardus, Kevin	E&E News	I request the following records from April 1 to May 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. 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 04/01/2026 To 05/01/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/01/2026	05/04/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006084	Bogardus, Kevin	E&E News	I request all records held by the Department of the Interior's Office of Secretary created in preparation for, distributed or received during and/or as the result of King Charles III's visit to Shenandoah National Park in Virginia where Charles met with Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum and Shenandoah National Park officials on April 30, 2026. Please consider audio and/or video recordings; briefing books; calendar entries; communication records with Buckingham Palace and/or the British Embassy; contemporaneous notes; event itineraries; foreign dignitary handling instructions; gift protocols; greeting protocols; handwritten notes; internal planning emails; letters; meeting minutes; memos; narratives; photographs; press guidance; scripts; seating charts; slide decks; talking points; transcripts; titles and forms-of-address guidance; trip books; and/or VIP escort instructions as responsive records to my request. Please consider any final briefing materials created for Charles' visit that were either created by DOI OS or provided to DOI OS participants in Charles' visit and/or as the result of Charles' visit as responsive records to my request. Please click on these links for more detail on Charles' visit (https://www.gettyimages.com/detail/news-photo/king-charles-iii-talks-with-park-ranger-karl-rand-left-and-news-photo/2273271186 and https://x.com/SecretaryBurgum/status/2050221968394236409?lang=en).	Complex	Complex	05/07/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006242	Bogardus, Kevin	E&E News	I request records sufficient to identify the costs of creating and raising the banners saying, "Thank you, PRESIDENT TRUMP" at, in, near and/or otherwise in the proximity of construction and/or renovation sites in Washington, D.C. and surrounding areas. 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. Please see the attached for more detail on creating and raising the banners saying, "Thank you, PRESIDENT TRUMP."	Simple	Normal	05/14/2026	05/14/2026	-	-

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DOI-2026-006092	Anic, Monika	Department of the Interior FD Stonewater	I would like to submit a request for an inventory of all active leases completed under the DOI independent leasing authority. Specific information that I am looking for is: tenant agency, rent per square foot, annual rent, lessor name, square footage occupied, Lease commencement/expiration, and address. Please provide the document in excel spreadsheets. I request copies of Transcript of Service records, employment history summaries, federal service history reports, or similar records maintained by the Department of the Interior reflecting the federal employment history of current and former Department of the Interior political appointees and senior officials, including career and non-career Senior Executive Service (SES) officials, Schedule C appointees, Presidential Appointees with Senate confirmation (PAS), and Presidential Appointees without Senate confirmation (PA).	Simple	Normal	05/08/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006377	Whitehead, Dylan	Leadership Connect	Responsive records may include, but are not limited to, records reflecting prior federal agencies, appointment dates, separation dates, position titles, pay plans, grades, occupational series, duty stations, and organizational history. I request records for officials who are current at the time this request is processed, as well as former officials whose records remain maintained by the Department. I request that responsive records be provided in a machine-readable electronic format, such as CSV or Excel, if available. Democracy Forward Foundation ("DFF") requests that the Department of the Interior ("DOI") produce the following within twenty (20) business days: 1. All electronic communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, text messages, messages on messaging platforms such as Signal and WhatsApp, and direct messages on social media platforms such as X and Truth Social) between (a) the DOI officials identified below and (b) any of the external domains identified below. Agency Officials: Doug Burgum, Secretary Kate MacGregor, Deputy Secretary JoDee Hanson, Chief of Staff Anyone serving as Senior Counselor Anyone serving as Senior Advisor to the Secretary Deidre Kohlrus, Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs Director Daniel Gustafson, Office of External Affairs Deputy Director Loganathan Naidu, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Deputy Director The senior most coordinating department efforts on Freedom 250*	Complex	Complex	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006420	Perryman, Skye	Democracy Forward Foundation	External Entities and Individuals: Anyone communicating on behalf of Freedom 250, including anyone with an email address ending in @freedom250.org Anyone communicating on behalf of the America 250 Commission, including anyone with an email address ending in @america250.org Anyone communicating on behalf of the National Park Foundation, including anyone with an email address ending in @nationalparks.org Keith Krach, Freedom 250 Chief Executive Officer Rachel Gerli, Freedom 250 Chief Partnerships Officer Caleb Bonham, Freedom 250 Advisor to the CEO Danielle Madda, Freedom 250 Chief of Staff Allison Rant, Freedom 250 Vice President of Strategic Partnerships David Bohigian, Freedom 250 Network Chair Danielle Alvarez, Freedom 250 Spokesperson Elizabeth Pipko, Freedom 250 Spokesperson Rachel Reisner, Freedom 250 Spokesperson Maria Papakonstantinou, Freedom 250 Spokesperson Vince Haley, Director of the Domestic Policy Council of the United States Monica Crowley, Ambassador and Chief of Protocol Brittany Baldwin, Task Force 250 Senior Policy Adviser Kellyanne Conway Meredith O'Rourke 2. All electronic communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, text messages, messages on	Complex	Complex	05/22/2026	05/22/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006471	Perryman, Skye	Democracy Forward Foundation	Democracy Forward Foundation ("DFF") requests that the Department of the Interior ("DOI") produce the following within twenty (20) business days: All final documents or memoranda related to funding allocation or decisions regarding America 250 and Freedom 250 (including Freedom 250 LLC) in possession of the Department. Responsive records should include, but not be limited to, budget justification documentation or memoranda delineating the funding America 250 and Freedom 250 would receive (and changes to the distribution of funds); documents reflecting grant transfers related to funding America 250 or Freedom 250 events; memoranda approving budgets related to America 250 and Freedom 250 events and expenses; documents aggregating all budget expenses related to America 250 and Freedom 250 events and expenses. Given that your agency is in coordination with the Freedom 250 commission, a responsive search may require inquiring with a subject matter expert--particularly someone involved with the agency's work with the commission--to determine relevant responsive agency officials. This request seeks records from January 29, 2025 until the date of the search.	Simple	Simple	05/22/2026	05/22/2026	Other Reasons - Aggregate Cases	06/02/2026

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DOI-2026-006250	Loomis, Rebecca	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	1. All records that are, include, or reflect proof of "Eligible Expenditures" as defined in paragraph 1.C of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and Attentive Energy LLC,3 and which are made to fulfill paragraph 2 of such settlement agreement. Pursuant to paragraph 2, TotalEnergies SE and/or its affiliates agree to make Eligible Expenditures in the amount of \$795 million on Conventional Energy Projects within the United States between November 18, 2025 and September 30, 2026. Requested records include, but are not limited to, "unqualified accounting audit report[s] by a third party and any supporting documentation (in the form of bank statements, filings, or any other valid proof)" provided to Interior, including the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, that verify that TotalEnergies SE and/or its affiliates "ha[ve] made Eligible Expenditures that satisfy the condition in Paragraph 2," as described in paragraph 3 of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and Attentive Energy LLC. 2. All records that are, include, or reflect proof of "Eligible Expenditures" as defined in paragraph 1.C of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, LLC,4 and which are made to fulfill paragraph 2 of such settlement agreement. Pursuant to paragraph 2, TotalEnergies SE and/or its affiliates agree to make Eligible Expenditures in the amount of \$133,333,333 on Conventional Energy Projects within the United States between November 18, 2025 and September 30, 2026. Requested records include, but are not limited to, "unqualified accounting audit report[s] by a third party and any supporting documentation (in the form of bank statements, filings, or any other valid proof)" provided to Interior, including the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, that verify that TotalEnergies SE and/or its affiliates "ha[ve] made Eligible Expenditures that satisfy the condition in Paragraph 2," as described in paragraph 3 of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and Attentive Energy LLC. 3. All records that are, include, or reflect proof of "Eligible Expenditures" as defined in paragraph 1.E of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and Golden State Wind LLC,5 and which are made to fulfill paragraph 2 of such settlement agreement. Pursuant to paragraph 2, Golden State Wind LLC, its affiliates, and/or its or their Investment Entities agree to make Eligible Expenditures in the aggregate amount of \$120,240,000 on Conventional Energy Projects within the United States between December 18, 2025 and December 31, 2026. Requested records include, but are not limited to, any "assurance opinion from a third party auditor and any reasonable support documentation (in the form of bank statements, filings, or any other valid proof)" provided to Interior, including the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, that verify that Golden State Wind LLC, its affiliates, or its or their Investment Entities have "made Eligible Expenditures that satisfy the condition in Paragraph 2," as described in paragraph 3 of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and Golden State Wind LLC. Requested records also include, but are not limited to, any communication or documentation that Interior makes or provides to "confirm in writing the satisfaction of the requirements" of paragraphs 2-3, as described in paragraph 3 of the Settlement Agreement Between the United States and Golden State Wind LLC. *see request for more info	Complex	Complex	05/14/2026	05/15/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006610	Phillips, Thomas	-	Records of expenditure for travel outside Washington D.C. by Secretary Burgum and staff, records indicating names of individuals and organizations Secretary Burgum and staff were scheduled to meet during travel, and records of daily schedules for travel. See attached request for more details.	Simple	Normal	05/28/2026	05/29/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006239	Phillips, Thomas	-	Request for public comments submitted through QR code system; records reflecting instructions, criteria, guidance, and/or rationale for making determinations and/or taking actions under Order 3431 Section 5(a) and (b); documents related to actions to change, alter, replace, or reinstate content on DOI properties under Order 3431; records related to decisions made by DOI under Order 3431 Sections 5(a) and (b); DOI Bureau reviews conducted under Interior Order 3431; DOI Bureau reports prepared under Interior Order 3431; email communications to or from any of the individuals in the below list of DOI personnel mentioning "QR codes" "3431" "colonialism" "racism" or "negative signs;" text messages or messages on messaging platforms (such as Signal, Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, X (formerly Twitter)) direct messages, Facebook messages, WhatsApp, Telegram, or Parler) to or from any of the individuals in the below list of DOI Personnel mentioning "QR codes" "3431" "colonialism" "racism" or "negative signs." See attachment for more details. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/20/2025 To 08/01/2025)	Complex	Complex	05/14/2026	05/14/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006149	Stevenson, Ian	Politico/E&E News	I request details on how many Interior employees have accepted the Deferred Resignation/Retirement Program (DRP) and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority with DRP (VERA/DRP) that ended on April 12, 2026. Please include details about the employees who accepted the DRP and VERA, including the agency they worked at (including BIA, BOR, BLM, BSEE, FWS, USGS, NPS, OSMRE and IBC), their positions and their tenure dates. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2026 To 05/11/2026)	Simple	Normal	05/11/2026	05/12/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006233	Stevenson, Ian	Politico/E&E News	-I request any documentation written by or on behalf of Karen Budd-Falen discussing whether matters under her purview at Interior are "particular matters of general applicability" or a "particular matter involving specific parties," pursuant to #3 on page 14 of the March 11, 2026 "Limited Waiver" that Budd-Falen received from Heather Gottry. -Documents discussing Budd-Falen's "screening process" for matters that could affect her financial interests, pursuant to #2 on page 2 of Budd-Falen's March 11, 2026 "Written Disqualification Statement." -Emails sent by karen_budd-falen@ios.doi.gov between March 1, 2025 and the date this records request is fulfilled. -Karen Budd-Falen's calendar between March 1, 2025 and the date this records request is fulfilled. -Emails sent or received by katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov, adam_suess@ios.doi.gov, jrab@blm.gov, heather.gottry@sol.doi.gov, andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov, thomas_baptiste@ios.doi.gov, william.doffermeyer@ios.doi.gov, william.doffermeyer@sol.doi.gov, jodee_hanson@ios.doi.gov, tyler_hassen@ios.doi.gov, leslie_beyer@ios.interior.gov between March 1, 2025 and the date this records request is fulfilled that mention "Budd-Falen" or "associate deputy secretary." (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2025 To 05/14/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/14/2026	05/14/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006102	Kim, Jonathan	Energy and Policy Institute	Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. Section 552), I am requesting, on behalf of the Energy and Policy Institute, emails sent from or received by email addresses with the @ios.doi.gov domain name that were sent to or received from the following email domain names: @engle.com @lotsixteen.com @edstonelawfirm.com @oceanwinds.com @edpr.com @global-infra.com @totalenergies.com @ballardpartners.com @bluepointwind.com @goldenstatewind.com @blackrock.com @cpininvestments.com @reventuspower.com @rwe.com @psw-inc.com @invenenergy.com	Simple	Normal	05/08/2026	05/20/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006457	Bellislie, Martha	Associated Press	Please limit this search to documents from 1/20/2025 to the processing of this request. Please note that this request includes all attachments and carbon-copied messages. Please also include the entire threads in which responsive records may be nested. I am seeking the annual budget for the Department of Interior's Wildland Fire Management program for each year since 2020. I would like the budget to be broken down by how much was spent on firefighters/crews and how much was spent on aviation. Since the U.S. Wildland Fire Service started operating in January 2026, I am seeking its budget broken down in the same manner.	Simple	-	05/21/2026	05/21/2026	-	-

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DOI-2026-006042	Cuadros, Alexander	ProPublica			Simple	Normal	05/06/2026	05/06/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006311	Rust, Susanne	LA Times	Any and all correspondence to, from or between Albert Straus and any DOI official or employee regarding Point Reyes National Seashore, the National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, David Evans, Bill or Nicolette Niman. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 05/18/2026) (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 05/18/2026)	Simple	-	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	-	-	
DOI-2026-006312	Rust, Susanne	LA Times	Any and all correspondence between, to or from HHS Secretary, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and any official within the DOI OS regarding Point Reyes National Seashore and/or Albert Straus. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 05/18/2026)	Simple	-	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	-	-	
DOI-2026-005968	Zibel, Alan	Public Citizen	All emails, documents, texts or other chat messages, internal memos, legal analyses and calendar items to or from political appointees hired since Jan. 20, 2025 related to the cancellation of the following wind farm leases: Total Energies (Lease No. OCS-A 0545) Attentive Energy LLC (Lease No. OCS-A 0538) Bluepoint Wind (Lease No. OCS-A 0537) Golden State Wind (Lease OCS-P 0564). This request includes, but is not limited to, any legal analyses or opinions regarding cancellation or suspension of offshore wind leases; any communications with the White House, regarding these leases; any economic analyses, environmental reviews, or cost-benefit analyses related to the cancellations; and any final decision memoranda. Please exclude publicly available materials such as news clips and press releases. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 05/04/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/04/2026	05/04/2026	-	-	
DOI-2026-006588	Ziegler, Stephen	-	I request copies of the final Initial Access Reports submitted to the Office of the Deputy Secretary pursuant to Section 7(a) of Secretarial Order 3447, "Expanding Hunting and Fishing Access, Removing Unnecessary Barriers, and Ensuring Consistency Across the Department of the Interior Lands and Waters," signed January 7, 2026. This request is limited only to the final reports submitted by DOI bureaus and offices. I am not requesting drafts, emails, internal deliberations, or background correspondence. Date range: January 7, 2026, through the date this request is processed. Please provide the records electronically. If the reports exist as spreadsheets, please provide them in native Excel or CSV format. I request expedited processing because these records concern current federal actions affecting hunting and fishing access on public lands and waters, including a recently announced proposed rule with an active public comment period. I am an outdoor writer reporting on this issue for the hunting and fishing public, and delayed disclosure would reduce the public's ability to understand and respond while the issue is still current. I request rolling production if records are located in batches. If fees are expected to exceed \$50, please contact me before proceeding. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/07/2026 To 05/28/2026)	Simple	-	05/28/2026	05/28/2026	-	-	
DOI-2026-006331	Parshley, Lois	-	Dear FOIA Officer: On behalf of Public Citizen, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I respectfully request the following records: All memorandums of understanding (MOUs), letters of intent, framework agreements, term sheets, or similar instruments signed, initialed, or facilitated by the Department of Interior or any of its bureaus or offices related to oil, gas, gold, aluminum, coal, or other mineral projects in Venezuela, including but not limited to any agreements involving Hunt Oil, Crossover Energy, Mercuria, Repsol, Eni, Halliburton, Petroquímica de Venezuela (Pequiven), or PDVSA from January 1 through the date this request is processed. Search and production We request that any records produced in response to this request be provided in electronic form wherever possible. We request that communications records be provided in machine-readable PDF format where possible. We request that any data be provided in CSV (comma-separated variable) format. If that is not possible, please provide data in .XLS/.XLSX (Microsoft Excel) format. Please provide any responsive records on a rolling basis, rather than waiting for all responsive records to be assembled and reviewed before releasing them. If it is your position that responsive records exist but that those records (or portions of those records) are exempt from disclosure, please identify the records that are being withheld and state the basis for the denial for each record being withheld. Additionally, I request that you provide an index of withheld documents as required under Vaughn v. Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973). Please note that Public Citizen seeks each record in its entirety. Accordingly, please provide all nonexempt portions of the records, without redacting portions of any record as "non-responsive," "out of scope," or the like.	Simple	Normal	05/18/2026	05/19/2026	Other Reasons - No Records	06/02/2026	

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DOI-2026-006332	Parshley, Lois	-	Dear FOIA Officer: On behalf of Public Citizen, and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, please search the records of the following custodians from Jan 1, 2026, to the date this request is processed: Secretary Douglas Burgum and all members of his immediate staff, including schedulers, special assistants, and senior advisors; The Deputy Secretary of the Interior; The Chief of Staff of the Department of the Interior; Jarrod Agen, Executive Director of the National Energy Dominance Council, to the extent his records are maintained by, created in connection with, or transmitted through DOI systems, email accounts, or devices; Any other DOI employee, contractor, or detailee identified in DOI travel authorization records, expense reimbursement requests, or security clearance travel notifications as having traveled to or from Caracas, Venezuela, or having attended meetings in Venezuela, on or around April 30–May 1, 2026; and Any DOI employee who prepared, reviewed, contributed to, or transmitted briefing materials in connection with the April 30–May 1, 2026 delegation to Venezuela. For each custodian, please search all record systems under their control or associated with their official duties, including but not limited to official email accounts, shared drives, calendars, scheduling systems, and any government-issued or government-authorized devices. For each custodian, I am requesting the following: 1. All calendar entries, scheduling requests, meeting invitations, itineraries, agendas, travel authorizations, travel vouchers, expense reimbursements, country clearance requests, security advance notifications, and passport or visa application records for the identified custodians relating to any travel to or meetings involving Venezuela. Search terms should include but not be limited to: "Caracas," "Venezuela," "NEDC," "Hunt Oil," "Repsol," "Eni," "Halliburton," "Pequiven," "PDVSA," "Mercuria," and "Crossover Energy Holdings." 2. All briefing papers, briefing books, talking points, read-aheads, slide decks, PowerPoint presentations, fact sheets, background memoranda, country assessments, legal memoranda, ethics opinions, and similar preparatory or analytical materials prepared for, provided to, or reviewed by the identified custodians in connection with the April 30–May 1, 2026 delegation to Caracas, Venezuela or U.S. policy regarding Venezuela's oil, natural gas, mining, or other extractive resource sectors, including any policy relating to sanctions, licensing, or revenue-sharing arrangements. Search terms should include but not be limited to: "Caracas," "Venezuela," "NEDC," "Hunt Oil," "Repsol," "Eni," "Halliburton," "Pequiven," "PDVSA," "Mercuria," "Crossover Energy Holdings," "sanctions waiver," "OFAC," "license," "authorization," "extractive," "mineral," "gold," "oil," "gas," and "mining." 3. All emails, letters, memoranda, and other written communications—including messages sent via text or third-party applications such as Signal—between the identified custodians and any representative, officer, employee, or agent of Hunt Oil, Repsol, Eni, Halliburton, Pequiven, PDVSA, Mercuria, Crossover Energy Holdings, or any other private company, foreign government official, or state-owned enterprise represented at or in connection with the Caracas delegation. To the extent any responsive communication . . . The description has exceeded the character limit.	Complex	Complex	05/18/2026	05/19/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-005539	Aguilar Rosenthal, Toni	The Revolving Door Project	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and your agency's implementing regulations, the Revolving Door Project makes the following request for records. The records requested herein may reside in multiple components or offices within your agency. We ask that you coordinate this request across your agency in your role as the agency's FOIA contact. The Revolving Door Project requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days: I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or to obtain copies of public records that include all records of any written, electronic, or spoken communication between Joshua Teigen and the U.S. Department of the Interior Chief of Staff JoDee Hanson. The Revolving Door Project requests that these records be produced in a format that includes any notes and all attachments. Revolving Door Project also requests responsive return of all the communications, including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Signal, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken before or during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, and any other responsive materials that may have been generated for, during, or following any such communications. The Revolving Door Project seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the terms "record," "document," and "information" in their broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, the Revolving Door Project welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, the Revolving Door Project hopes to decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future. Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to the Revolving Door Project, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.	Simple	Normal	04/21/2026	05/04/2026	-	-

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DOI-2026-005541	Aguilar Rosenthal, Toni	The Revolving Door Project	Department of the Interior Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and your agency's implementing regulations, the Revolving Door Project makes the following request for records. The records requested herein may reside in multiple components or offices within your agency. We ask that you coordinate this request across your agency in your role as the agency's FOIA contact. The Revolving Door Project requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days: I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or to obtain copies of public records that include all records of any written, electronic, or spoken communications between Brooks Burgum and members, representatives, and staff of the Department of the Interior. The Revolving Door Project requests that these records be produced in a format that includes any notes and all attachments. Revolving Door Project also requests responsive return of all the communications, including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Signal, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, and any other responsive materials that relate to any such meetings or communications. The Revolving Door Project seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the terms "record," "document," and "information" in their broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, the Revolving Door Project welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, the Revolving Door Project hopes to decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future. Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to the Revolving Door Project, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.	Simple	-	04/21/2026	05/04/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-004821	Stonebridge, Matt	Self	Please provide a summary of all employees within the office of the secretary for rating based awards received from January 01, 2025 - Present. Please include the employees GS grade, step, and the numerical value of time-off, dollar value of a cash award, and/or both when applicable. Please also include any methodologies for computation of the award and notifications/communications with senior agency officials.	Simple	Simple	03/23/2026	05/06/2026	Other Reasons - Fee-Related Reason	05/06/2026
DOI-2026-005066	Johnson, Elaine	-	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 I'm a concerned citizen making this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The public deserves to know how these decisions are made. WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior convened the Endangered Species Committee—dubbed the "God Squad"—for the first time since 1992. They voted unanimously to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act. This decision threatens the extinction of Rice's whale, a species with just around 51 left. Secretary Burgum led this meeting. RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I am seeking records from January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, related to: - Communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth about the committee meeting. - Communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official regarding the meeting or the exemption decision. - Communications between Secretary Burgum or Department staff and any oil or gas company, industry group, or lobbyist concerning the committee or exemption. - Documents about the decision to hold the meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions on why it was called and the legal authority used. - The formal notice in the Federal Register on March 16, 2026, and records about drafting the notice, including the omission of the at-risk species name and the requester. - Documents, presentations, or reports prepared for the March 31 meeting. - Records of the vote taken at the meeting, showing how each member voted. - Records of any conditions or requirements attached to the granted exemption. - Internal scientific assessments or opinions on how the exemption affects Rice's whale or other protected species in the Gulf.	Simple	Simple	03/31/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026

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			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 March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption WHO I AM I am a concerned citizen submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as I believe it is crucial for the public to understand how this decision was reached. WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior gathered the Endangered Species Committee, known as the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. The committee voted unanimously to exempt all oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act, threatening the Rice's whale, a species with only about 51 individuals remaining. Secretary Burgum led the meeting. RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I am seeking all records related to the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee meeting and the decision to exempt Gulf of Mexico oil and gas activities from the Endangered Species Act, covering January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. - All communications, including emails, letters, and text messages (including via Signal), between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting. - All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House officials concerning the committee meeting or the exemption decision for Gulf of Mexico activities. - All communications between Secretary Burgum or Department of the Interior staff and any oil or gas company, industry trade group (e.g., the American Petroleum Institute), or lobbyist about the committee or the ESA exemption in the Gulf. - All documents regarding the decision to call the March 31, 2026 meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions on the reasoning and legal authority behind it. - The formal notice published in the Federal Register on March 16, 2026, plus all drafting records of that notice, including why the species at risk and the requester were not named.	Simple	Simple	04/01/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026
DOI-2026-005070	Anwar, Nour	-							
			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 on 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 submitting this FOIA request, 5 U.S.C. § 552, because transparency on these matters is vital for public accountability. WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Interior's Endangered Species Committee, the "God Squad," met for the first time since 1992, voting unanimously to allow oil and gas drilling exemptions in the Gulf of Mexico. This could critically endanger the last 51 Rice's whales. Secretary Burgum led the meeting. RECORDS I AM REQUESTING Please provide records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, related to this meeting and decision, including: - All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth about this event. - All communications between Secretary Burgum and White House officials regarding this meeting or the oil and gas exemption decision. - All communications between Secretary Burgum, Department staff, and oil and gas companies, industry groups, or lobbyists about this committee or exemption. - Documents on the decision to convene the March 31, 2026 meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions. - The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and all related drafting records, particularly regarding exclusion of species and requester names. - All documents, presentations, or reports from the meeting. - Records of the vote, including how each member voted. - Records of any conditions or requirements linked to the granted exemption. - Internal scientific assessments about the exemption's impact on Rice's whale or other species. - Records of any Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or NOAA staff objections or concerns about the exemption.	Simple	Simple	04/01/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026
DOI-2026-005092	Penny, Jessica	-							

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			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 About the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption						
			WHO I AM As a concerned citizen, I'm submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, because the public deserves to know the decision-making processes involved.						
DOI-2026-005113	Smith, Jennifer	-	WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior hosted the Endangered Species Committee, also known as the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. They unanimously decided to allow oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico to bypass the Endangered Species Act, which could lead to the extinction of Rice's whale, a species with only around 51 individuals remaining. Secretary Burgum led this meeting.	Simple	Simple	04/02/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026
			RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I seek records concerning the March 31, 2026 meeting and the decision to exempt Gulf oil and gas activities from the Endangered Species Act, covering January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.						
			- All emails, letters, and text messages (including Signal) between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting. - All emails, letters, and text messages (including Signal) between Secretary Burgum and any White House officials about the meeting or the exemption decision. - All emails, letters, and text messages (including Signal) between Secretary Burgum or Interior staff and any oil or gas company, trade group, or lobbyist regarding the meeting or exemption. - All documents about the decision to convene the March 31, 2026 meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions. - The notice published in the Federal Register on March 16, 2026, and records relating to its drafting, including the omission of the species' name and exemption requester's name. - All materials prepared for or presented at the meeting. - Records of the vote at the meeting, detailing how each member voted.						
			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 March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption						
			WHO I AM As a concerned citizen, I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The public deserves transparency regarding decisions impacting endangered species and our environment.						
DOI-2026-005132	McMullin, William	-	WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior held a significant meeting of the Endangered Species Committee—also known as the "God Squad"—for the first time since 1992. It unanimously decided to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act, threatening the already endangered Rice's whale, with only 51 individuals left. Secretary Burgum led this meeting.	Simple	Simple	04/02/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026
			RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I am seeking records connected to the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee meeting and the decision on Gulf of Mexico oil and gas exemptions from January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.						
			- All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth about the meeting. - All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official regarding the meeting or the exemption request. - All communications between Secretary Burgum, Department staff, and any oil or gas company or lobbyists related to the committee or the Gulf of Mexico exemption. - All documents explaining the rationale and legal basis for the March 31, 2026 meeting. - The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and related drafting records, including omissions involving the species at risk. - All presentations or reports prepared for the March 31, 2026 meeting. - All records of the voting process at the meeting, detailing individual votes. - All conditions or requirements tied to the exemption. - Internal scientific assessments on the exemption's impact on the Rice's whale or other species.						

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DOI-2026-005165	Alvarado, Ivy	Plant Ivy	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 I'm just a concerned citizen submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, because I believe in the public's right to know about this crucial decision. WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Interior Department held the first Endangered Species Committee meeting since 1992. The committee, led by Secretary Burgum, decided unanimously to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act, potentially dooming Rice's whale, with just 51 remaining, to extinction. RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I need the following related to this meeting and decision, covering 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 about the meeting or exemption decision. - All communications between Secretary Burgum or Interior staff and any oil or gas company, trade group, or lobbyist about the committee or exemption. - Documents on the decision to call the meeting, including memos or legal opinions. - The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and records related to its drafting, including omissions. - All documents, presentations, or reports for the March 31 meeting. - Records of the vote and how each member voted. - Records of any conditions or requirements attached to the exemption. - Internal scientific assessments or opinions on the exemption's impact on Rice's whale or other species. - Records of any concerns or objections raised by scientists or staff from Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or NOAA. 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 on the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption INTRODUCTION As a concerned citizen pursuing transparency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I believe it's crucial for the public to understand the decision-making process involved in this matter. BACKGROUND On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior gathered the Endangered Species Committee, nicknamed the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. The committee unanimously voted to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act. This threatens the survival of Rice's whale, a critically endangered species with an estimated population of just 51. Secretary Burgum led this meeting. REQUESTED RECORDS I'm seeking records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, related to the Endangered Species Committee meeting and the Gulf exemption decision. 1. All communications (emails, letters, text messages, Signal) between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting. 2. All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official concerning the meeting or exemption request. 3. All communications between Secretary Burgum/Interior staff and any oil or gas company, trade group (e.g., the American Petroleum Institute), or lobbyist about the committee or Gulf of Mexico exemption. 4. All documents about the decision to convene the March 31, 2026 meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions on reasons and authority for the meeting. 5. The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and all related records about drafting that notice, including omitting the species at risk and the applicant's identity. 6. All documents, presentations, or reports prepared for or presented at the meeting. 7. All records of the meeting vote, detailing each member's vote. 8. All records of conditions or requirements attached to the exemption.	Simple	Simple	04/03/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026	
DOI-2026-005212	Schuster, Lisa	-	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 on the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption INTRODUCTION As a concerned citizen pursuing transparency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, I believe it's crucial for the public to understand the decision-making process involved in this matter. BACKGROUND On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior gathered the Endangered Species Committee, nicknamed the "God Squad," for the first time since 1992. The committee unanimously voted to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act. This threatens the survival of Rice's whale, a critically endangered species with an estimated population of just 51. Secretary Burgum led this meeting. REQUESTED RECORDS I'm seeking records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, related to the Endangered Species Committee meeting and the Gulf exemption decision. 1. All communications (emails, letters, text messages, Signal) between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting. 2. All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House official concerning the meeting or exemption request. 3. All communications between Secretary Burgum/Interior staff and any oil or gas company, trade group (e.g., the American Petroleum Institute), or lobbyist about the committee or Gulf of Mexico exemption. 4. All documents about the decision to convene the March 31, 2026 meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions on reasons and authority for the meeting. 5. The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and all related records about drafting that notice, including omitting the species at risk and the applicant's identity. 6. All documents, presentations, or reports prepared for or presented at the meeting. 7. All records of the meeting vote, detailing each member's vote. 8. All records of conditions or requirements attached to the exemption.	Simple	Simple	04/07/2026	05/13/2026	Other Reasons - Records not Reasonably Described	05/13/2026	
DOI-2026-006427	Fahrenthold, David	The New York Times	I request copies of all emails sent or received by the address adam_suess@ios.doi.gov since 5/20/2025 that contain any of the following words: 1. "Reflecting Pool" 2. "Lafayette Park" 3. "Arch" 4. "Fountain"	Complex	Complex	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	-	-	

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			Department of the Interior	Hello, Pursuant to my rights under the Freedom of Information Act, I ask to inspect or obtain a copy of the following information and records, which I understand to be held by the U.S. Office of Wildland Fire Service: All records of radio transmissions and dispatch recordings and logs for the Santa Rosa Island Fire from May 14, 2026 through May 21, 2026 Mutual aid requests made and offers of assistance received for the Santa Rosa Island Fire between May 14 and May 21, 2026, including emails and other communications documenting requests for and offers of assistance I ask for a determination on this request within 10 days of your receipt of it, and an even prompter reply if you can make that determination. Please provide this information on a rolling basis as it becomes available. If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you redact it for the time being and make the rest available as requested. If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite my request, please contact me. (Date Range for Record Search: From 05/14/2026 To 05/21/2026)						
DOI-2026-006460	Wigglesworth, Alex	Los Angeles Times			Simple	Normal	05/21/2026	05/22/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006099	Haas, Jacob	-		Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) seeks information relating to the National Park Service's implementation of the Executive Order titled "Making America Beautiful Again by Improving Our National Parks" and the corresponding \$250 Non-Resident Annual Pass and \$100 Non-Resident Entrance Fee, which went into effect on January 1, 2026. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, PLF hereby requests the disclosure of (i) all documents in your possession, custody, or control relating to your Department's decision or efforts to obtain input from Recreation Resource Advisory Committees, including the Committee for Region 3 (Southwestern Region), in issuing the \$100 Non-Resident Entrance Fee under 16 U.S.C. § 6802(b)(5); (ii) all documents in your possession, custody, or control relating to whether or not Recreation Resource Advisory Committees, including the Committee for Region 3, were involved in the decision to issue the \$250 Non-Resident Annual Pass or \$100 Non-Resident Entrance Fee; (iii) all documents in your possession, custody, or control relating to input received from any Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, including the Committee for Region 3, about a proposed Non-Resident Entrance fee or Annual Pass; (iv) all documents in your possession, custody, or control relating to whether or not notice of the \$250 Non-Resident Annual Pass or \$100 Non-Resident Entrance Fee was provided in local newspapers and publications near the eleven National Parks that they would be applied at, including Grand Canyon National Park. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/03/2025 To 05/07/2026)	Simple	Normal	05/08/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006259	Kaleel, Kenneth	Kaleel & Associates		All electronic transmissions, including but not limited to emails, along with any attachments or exhibits thereto, to and from Kate MacGregor, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, from February 25, 2025 to the present regarding, referencing or in any way related to an island located off the coast of Key West Florida commonly referred to as Wisteria Island or Christmas Tree Island. (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/25/2025 To 04/26/2026) (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/25/2025 To 05/14/2026)	Simple	Simple	05/15/2026	05/15/2026	Other Reasons - Request Withdrawn	05/18/2026
DOI-2026-006172	Kaleel, Kenneth	Kaleel & Associates		All electronic transmissions, including but not limited to emails, along with any attachments or exhibits thereto, to and from Kate MacGregor, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, from February 25, 2025 to the present regarding, referencing or in any way related to an island located off the coast of Key West Florida commonly referred to as Wisteria Island or Christmas Tree Island. (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/25/2025 To 04/26/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/12/2026	05/12/2026	-	-
				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, text messages, and Signal chats, sent or received by Karen Budd-Falen that reference any efforts, actions, plans or policies to reform or rewrite the federal grazing regulations, including any agency efforts, plans, proposals or policies to establish or implement categorical exclusions for any grazing related matters. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 2025.						
				I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that waiver is denied I am willing to pay \$25.						
DOI-2026-005910	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A		The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.	Complex	Complex	05/01/2026	05/01/2026	-	-
				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						
				Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2278186/						
DOI-2026-006010	Rose, Isaac	-		I am requesting a list of all outstanding/unclaimed checks/assets held by the Department of the Interior. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2020 To 05/01/2026)	Simple	Simple	05/05/2026	05/05/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006020	Galo, Christian	Govly		This is a request for records related to the DOI LERMS Program contract 140D0424D0105 (Simple Technology Solutions Inc.), including contract documents, task orders, modifications, and invoice/billing records. Please find the full request details included in the attached document. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2023 To 05/05/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/05/2026	05/06/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006046	Gillies, Andrew	KEYT/KKFX/KCOY News		This request is for any and all information, memorandums, and/or correspondence used to generate responses issued by the Department of the Interior's Press Office email on April 30 and May 1 of this year in direct response to questions concerning the dispensation of funds to offshore wind companies asked by the requester. The Department of the Interior's official press email stated that payments issued by the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund were "not taxpayer dollars" and instead, "monies refunded to developers". The deliberate or accidental mischaracterization of the source of the funds and the purpose of the payments necessitated this formal request for any and all materials consulted to generate the responses issued to a member of the media.	Simple	Normal	05/06/2026	05/06/2026	-	-

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DOI-2026-006088	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: All emails sent or received by one or more of the following Interior Department officials — Greg Wischer, Jeremy Arendt, Matt Schafle, and/or Andrew Williams— and any member of Senator Mike Lee's office or committee staff, including Chris Prandoni and/or Sen. Lee himself. This request seeks 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 Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2284815/	Simple	Normal	05/07/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006089	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications sent or received by Karen Budd-Falen that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "APHIS", "Wildlife Services", "M-44", "M-44s", and/or "cyanide". 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 Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2284821/	Simple	Normal	05/07/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006090	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications sent or received by Karen Budd-Falen and/or Gregory Wischer that contains one or more of the following key word: "Jindalee", "Hi-Tech", and/or "Hi-Tech Minerals". I seek records produced since January 20, 2026. I am a reporter for Public Domain and seek a fee waiver. If that fee waiver is denied I am willing to \$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 Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2284856/	Simple	Normal	05/07/2026	05/08/2026	Other Reasons - No Records	06/09/2026
DOI-2026-006091	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Any written or electronic communications, including texts, emails and the like, sent or received by Karen Budd-Falen that refer to USDA's Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Insurance program, also know as the PRF program. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 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 Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2284877/	Simple	Normal	05/07/2026	05/08/2026	Other Reasons - No Records	06/09/2026

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DOI-2026-006093	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A	Department of the Interior To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications, including texts, emails, Signal chats, or other communications, sent or received by Dr. Jennifer Chatfield that contain one or more of the following keywords: "lemur", "lemurs", "4J", "Dade City", and/or "Colossal". This request also seeks any ethics recusals or waivers that have been received by Dr. Chatfield. This request seeks records produced since January 20, 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 Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2284880/	Simple	Normal	05/07/2026	05/08/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006139	Humphrey, Tiffany	Captain Paul Watson Foundation	1. Records Requested 1. All communications, including emails, memoranda, letters, text messages, Signal or other messaging application communications, and meeting notes, between any official or employee of the Department of the Interior and any official or employee of the Department of Defense, the White House, the Executive Office of the President, or any oil and gas industry representative or trade association, related to the convening of the Endangered Species Committee meeting of March 31, 2026, from January 1, 2026 through April 15, 2026. 2. All communications between any official or employee of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) or the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) related to the Endangered Species Committee meeting of March 31, 2026, or to the ESA exemption for Gulf of America oil and gas activities, from January 1, 2026 through April 15, 2026. 3. All records reflecting communications between Interior Secretary Doug Burgum or his staff and any representative of the oil and gas industry, any trade association, or any lobbying firm regarding the Endangered Species Committee meeting of March 31, 2026, or the ESA exemption for Gulf of America oil and gas activities, from January 1, 2026 through April 15, 2026. 4. All records related to the preparation, drafting, or review of the Endangered Species Committee Order issued March 31, 2026, including any draft versions of that Order and any legal advice or analysis provided in connection with it. 5. All records reflecting any communication between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice regarding the legal basis for convening the Endangered Species Committee under Section 7(j) of the ESA without a prior jeopardy finding or formal exemption application from an applicant. 6. All records related to the initiation of the status review of the Rice's whale ("Balaenoptera ricei") published in the Federal Register on May 5, 2026 (Docket No. 2026-08663), including any communications between the Department of the Interior, NOAA, NMFS, or the White House related to the timing or initiation of that review. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2026 To 04/15/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/11/2026	05/11/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006143	Castro, Daniela	Amazon Underworld	Dear Leah Fairman, Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request a list of the companies that participated in the March visit to Venezuela alongside Doug Burgum, Chairman of the National Energy Dominance Council and U.S. Secretary of the Interior. In addition, I request copies of any licenses issued by the United States to date authorizing transactions involving Venezuelan-origin gold or other minerals, including those involving the state-owned mining company Minerven. Please provide details regarding the type of license issued to each company. I am requesting all releasable data. If any information is deleted from the records, please explain fully in writing the justification of the deletion and indicate the extent of such deletion on the portion of the record which is made available, if technically feasible, as outlined in section (a)(2)(E). Please also indicate the appropriate exemption under which the deletion was made, as outlined in section (b). As per sections (5)(A)(i) and (5)(B)(i), I ask that you respond to this request within 20 business days. If the request cannot be processed within the above time limit, I request to please set forth the unusual circumstances for an extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be dispatched. If you should choose to deny the request, in whole or in part, please state the reasons therefor, as per section (6)(A)(i). Please provide me a tracking number for the request, if it will take more than 10 days to be processed, including the date on which the agency originally received the request and an estimated date on which the agency will complete action on the request, as per paragraph 7. I request that the information I seek be provided in electronic form, if the records are readily reproducible in that format, and be sent by email. Under section (a)(4)(A)(iii), and as a representative of the news media, I request that you waive any fees related to the search and provision of these records as the information I am seeking is in the public interest, to be distributed widely through electronic dissemination for the public benefit and not for commercial use. I also request that no review costs are charged for the first two hours of examination of the records or for the first one hundred pages of duplication as per section (a)(4)(A) clause (iv)(II). If you estimate that any fees will apply, please inform me before processing my request. If there is any part of this request that ought to be modified to process this data within the time limit, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this request.	Simple	Normal	05/11/2026	05/11/2026	-	-

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 DOI-2026-006322	Kovalik, Cristina	Earthjustice	Department of the Interior Dear Freedom of Information Officer: Please see the attached FOIA request. We represent the Iron Workers Mid-Atlantic States District Council and submit this request on their behalf pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the United States Department of the Interior's FOIA regulations at 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.1-2.200. For purposes of this request, Department of the Interior includes, but is not limited to, records of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Please email copies of all requested records as soon as they become available to you, on a rolling basis, to Matthew Silverman, msilverman@earthjustice.org and Jan Hasselman, jhasselman@earthjustice.org. If you are unable to deliver any documents through electronic means, please deliver the documents to: Matthew Silverman Earthjustice 48 Wall St, 15th Fl New York, NY 10005 If you have any questions or concerns, please also direct them to Matthew Silverman, msilverman@earthjustice.org and Jan Hasselman, jhasselman@earthjustice.org. Thank you for your time and assistance. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/20/2025 To 05/11/2026)	Complex	Complex	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006225	Tobias, Jimmy	N/A	To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records: Any written or electronic communications sent or received by Karen Budd-Falen that reference the Montana Stockgrowers Association and/or the North Phillips County Cooperative State Grazing Districts. This request seeks records produced since February 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 Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/respond/2289474/	Simple	Normal	05/13/2026	05/14/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006327	Acosta, Carlos	-	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 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 (e.g., American Petroleum Institute), or lobbyists concerning the committee or ESA exemption. - Documents about convening the March 31, 2026, meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal bases for the meeting. - The Federal Register notice published March 16, 2026, and all related drafting records, including the omission of the at-risk species name and the exemption requester. - Documents, presentations, or reports made for or presented at the March 31, 2026, meeting. - Records of the vote taken, including voting details of committee members. - Any imposed conditions or requirements tied to the exemption granted.	Simple	-	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	-	-

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DOI-2026-006334	Steiner, Monika	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 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. - The formal notice published in the Federal Register on March 16, 2026, and related drafting records, especially about omitting the species name and requester details. - All presentations or reports for the March 31 meeting. - Records of the vote, including individual votes. - Records of conditions linked to the exemption. - Internal scientific assessments on the exemption's impact on Rice's whale or other species.	Simple		05/18/2026	05/19/2026		
DOI-2026-006338	Branum, Christie	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 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. - Internal assessments on the exemption's effects on the Rice's whale. - Records of concerns raised by scientists or staff from relevant agencies.	Simple		05/18/2026	05/19/2026		
DOI-2026-006387	RIEGERT, ASHLEY	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request records related to Freedom 250, America250, and any federally supported religious programming, faith outreach, or National Day of Prayer events associated with semiquincentennial activities from January 1, 2025 to the present. This request includes, but is not limited to: contracts, grants, invoices, reimbursements, and expenditure records; sponsorship agreements, donor agreements, memoranda of understanding, and funding communications; communications between Department of the Interior personnel and representatives of Freedom 250, America250, religious organizations, churches, faith-based advocacy organizations, or political organizations; records concerning event planning, religious participation, speaker selection, or faith outreach initiatives; staff time allocations, travel expenses, security expenditures, facility use approvals, and event production costs; communications containing the terms "Freedom 250," "America250," "National Day of Prayer," "faith outreach," or "religious programming." I request these records in electronic form where available. If this request is directed to the incorrect office, please forward it to the appropriate component or action office pursuant to agency FOIA regulations. I also request a waiver of fees because disclosure of this information is in the public interest and may contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and expenditures. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 05/19/2026)	Simple		05/19/2026	05/19/2026		

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DOI-2026-006388	RIEGERT, ASHLEY	-	communications between DOI leadership and Freedom 250 regarding National Day of Prayer events between Jan 1, 2026 and May 31, 2026 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2026 To 05/19/2026)	Simple	Simple	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	Other Reasons - Aggregate Cases	05/22/2026
DOI-2026-006389	RIEGERT, ASHLEY	-	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. 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	05/19/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006496	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	Complex	05/22/2026	05/22/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006396	Nadler, Adina	The Wilderness Society	Please see the attached request from The Wilderness Society detailing our request for records, including the date range for the record search.	Simple	-	05/19/2026	05/19/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006420	Mendonça, Lucas	-	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 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. - The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and related drafting records. - Documents presented at the committee meeting. - Records of the vote, including individual votes. - Details on any conditions or requirements attached to the exemption. - Scientific assessments on how this exemption affects the Rice's whale or other species. - Records of concerns raised by Interior or NOAA scientists about the exemption.	Simple	-	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006428	Peterson, Natalie	-	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.	Simple	-	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	-	-

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			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 March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption						
			WHO I AM As a concerned citizen, I'm submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The public deserves insight into the decision-making process behind this action.						
DOI-2026-006505	N, Jason	-	WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior held a rare meeting of the Endangered Species Committee, dubbed the "God Squad," a first since 1992. A unanimous vote allowed all oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico to bypass the Endangered Species Act, endangering the Rice's whale, with only about 51 remaining individuals. Secretary Burgum led this meeting.	Simple	-	05/22/2026	05/26/2026	-	-
			RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I seek records from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, concerning the committee meeting and the exemption decision.						
			1. All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the March 31, 2026 meeting. 2. All communications between Secretary Burgum and any White House officials about the committee meeting or the Gulf exemption decision. 3. All communications between Secretary Burgum or Department staff and oil or gas companies, industry groups (e.g., the American Petroleum Institute), or lobbyists about the committee or exemption. 4. Documents related to initiating the March 31, 2026 meeting, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions on the meeting's purpose and legal grounds. 5. The Federal Register notice from March 16, 2026, and records of its drafting, focusing on the omission of the endangered species' name and the exemption requester. 6. Documents, presentations, or reports for the March 31, 2026 meeting. 7. Records of the March 31, 2026 vote, including individual votes. 8. Records of any conditions or requirements attached to the exemption. 9. Internal scientific assessments or opinions on the exemption's impact on the Rice's whale or other protected species in the Gulf.						
			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 on the March 31, 2026 Endangered Species Committee Meeting and Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Exemption						
			WHO I AM As a concerned citizen advocating for transparency, I'm submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, driven by the belief that the public deserves to understand the decision-making process behind this issue.						
DOI-2026-006512	Tretter, Jay	-	WHAT HAPPENED On March 31, 2026, the Department of the Interior called together the Endangered Species Committee, known as the "God Squad," after decades. The committee opted unanimously to exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from the Endangered Species Act, a choice threatening the survival of Rice's whale, with only about 51 individuals remaining. This meeting was led by Secretary Burgum.	Simple	-	05/24/2026	05/26/2026	-	-
			RECORDS I AM REQUESTING I seek documents tied to the March 31, 2026 committee meeting and the exemption decision for Gulf of Mexico oil and gas activities under the Endangered Species Act, covering January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.						
			- All communications between Secretary Burgum and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth regarding the meeting. - Communications between Secretary Burgum and White House officials about the meeting or Gulf of Mexico exemption. - Communications with oil or gas companies, industry groups, or lobbyists about the committee or exemption. - Documents about deciding to convene the committee, including memos, briefings, or legal opinions. - The formal notice published in the Federal Register on March 16, 2026, and drafting records, including exclusion of species names and exemption requester. - Documents, presentations, or reports for the March 31, 2026 meeting. - Voting records from the meeting. - Records of conditions or requirements on the granted exemption. - Internal scientific assessments regarding the exemption's impact on Rice's whale and other species.						

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		Department of the Interior	On May 18, 2026, Secretary Doug Burgum said at a live American Petroleum Institute event that "foreign-sourced, dark money coming in" is responsible for some of the popular resistance to data centers inspiring state and local moratoriums. The following week, on an appearance on Fox Business Live on May 26, Sec. Burgum repeated these statements, saying that "there's a concentrated information propaganda war that's geo-targeted" against data centers. Prominent data center investors, including Kevin O'Leary, who has faced significant backlash for his proposed project in Utah, have also been repeating claims about data centers being astroturfed by foreign governments. WIRED has been covering the popular backlash to data centers over the past several months. Only by examining internal DOI records can the public understand how the Interior Department got the information Sec. Burgum is disseminating to the public about foreign influence on data center resistance. Requested Records WIRED Magazine seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below and requests that your agency produce the following records as soon as practicable, and at least within twenty business days: All agency records and communications concerning the following subjects, created or held by personnel in the Office of the Secretary (Doug Burgum), on or after April 1, 2026: Data center backlash CCP influence on data center backlash Dark money funding for data center resistance Environmental groups and data center resistance Kevin O'Leary/Mr. Wonderful Utah and data centers We seek all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. The terms "records" and "communications" should be understood in the broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. This request encompasses, without limitation, electronic records, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, memoranda, notes, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, telephone messages, voicemail messages and transcripts, minutes of meetings, calendar entries, and records of telephone conversations or discussions. Our request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to our request, our request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email. You may not exclude records of agency business contained in personal files, email accounts, or devices in the custody of DOI officials. Records of official business conducted through unofficial systems or stored outside official files remain subject to the Federal Records Act and FOIA. It is not adequate to rely						
DOI-2026-006539	Taft, Molly	WIRED		Simple	-	05/26/2026	05/26/2026	-	-
DOI-2026-006580	Naiden, Alena	Alaska Public Media and KNBA	Interior Secretary Doug Burgum visited Anaktuvuk Pass in Alaska in May, 2026, and announced the decision of the Department of Interior to restore the use of off-road-vehicles in the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve in Alaska for subsistence hunting. I am looking for an official document or order describing this regulatory change and/or a copy of the document Secretary Burgum is holding in the photo in this May 18, 2026, X post: https://x.com/SecretaryBurgum/status/2056472165696884907 Thank you so much!	Simple	Normal	05/27/2026	05/28/2026	-	-
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