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Mr. Jeff Ruch
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Public Employees for Environment
Responsibility (PEER)
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Ruch:

This letter is in response to your emailed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 17, 2014, which was received in our Washington Office FOIA Service Center, Office of Regulatory and Management Services on January 17, 2014, and assigned case number 2014-FS-WO-01623-F. You requested information concerning U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement & Investigations use of Personal Video Recording Devices (PVRDs). Specifically, you requested the following:

1. Records reflecting the number of PVRDs purchased by LEI, as well as the cost of those devices together with the cost of any ancillary equipment required for their deployment, such as storage media;
2. All records reflecting planning prior to the purchase of PVRDs, including any feasibility analyses, or purchase justifications as well as any predicted or projected measures of effectiveness or utility articulated by LEI managers;
3. Any information reflecting the –
 - A. The extent which LEI personnel are actually using PVRDs and how that is determined;
 - B. The extent to which PVRDs have enhanced LEI performance or capacity, including any actual case outcomes reflecting any concrete contribution made by PVRDs; and
 - C. Lessons learned from PVRD field deployment, including any analysis of how the effectiveness of PVRDs could be improved;
4. Any documents reflecting state notification requirements or privacy laws which may restrict the use of PVRDs by LEI personnel; and
5. Any documents reflecting attempts to train LEI personnel in the proper or most effective use of PVRDs.

In response to item nos. 1 and 4, we have conducted a search for responsive documents, both hard-copy and electronic, and found 7 pages. After reviewing these records we have determined that the records can be released in entirety. The enclosed pages consist of the Forest Service



Handbook (FSH) 5309.11- Law Enforcement Handbook, Chapter 50 - Actions and Procedures; and a Requisition Order Form.

In response to item nos. 2, 3, and 5, we conducted a search for records and located no records responsive to your request.

The FOIA provides you the right to appeal my response. Any appeal must be made in writing, within 45 days from the date of this letter, to the Chief, USDA, Forest Service: 1) by email to wo_foia@fs.fed.us; 2) by regular mail to Mail Stop 1143, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1143; 3) by Fed Ex or UPS to 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-1143 and telephone (202) 205-1542; or 4) by fax at (202) 649-1161. The term "FOIA APPEAL" should be placed in capital letters on the subject line of the email or on the front of the envelope. To facilitate the processing of your appeal, please include a copy of this letter and/or the FOIA control number assigned to your FOIA case number 2014-FS-WO-01623-F.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Ferrell".

DAVID L. FERRELL
Director, Law Enforcement and Investigations

Enclosure(s)