

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Freedom of Information Act 2015 Annual Report
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I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT

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2. The electronic address for this Report on DOI's FOIA website is: <https://www.doi.gov/foia/DOI-FOIA-Annual-Reports>

3. A copy of this Report in paper form may be obtained by contacting the Departmental FOIA Officer (see above).

II. MAKING A FOIA REQUEST

1. FOIA requests should be submitted to the FOIA contact at the bureau/office where the records are maintained (see DOI's FOIA contacts page at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/contacts>, which provides the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all individual agency components that receive FOIA requests). A list of the Department's bureaus/offices is located in the Acronyms section below.

2. DOI protects America's natural resources and heritage, honors our cultures and tribal communities, and supplies the energy to power our future. When DOI withholds records requested under the FOIA, it most frequently does so under Exemption 5 (which safeguards inter-agency or intra-agency records which would normally be privileged in the civil discovery context), Exemption 6 (which safeguards personal privacy interests), and Exemption 7(C) (which safeguards personal information in law enforcement records). However, DOI's diverse mission and records ensures a wide variety of FOIA exemptions may sometimes be appropriately used.

3. The electronic address for DOI's FOIA regulations is: <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=0fc3ab3499768eebc2e3691c8cf88dec&rgn=div5&view=text&node=43:1.1.1.1.2&idno=43>. The electronic address for DOI's fee schedule is: <https://www.doi.gov/foia/fees-waivers>.

III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Acronyms used in this Report:

Component Abbreviation	Component Name
BIA	Bureau Of Indian Affairs
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
BSEE	Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
NPS	National Park Service
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OS	Office of the Secretary
OSM	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
SOL	Office of the Solicitor
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
FOIA/PA Appeals	FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

2. Definitions of terms used in this Report:

a. **Administrative Appeal**—a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.

b. **Average Number**—the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.

c. **Backlog**—the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.

d. **Component**—for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.

e. **Consultation**—the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency or component within the same agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency or component within the same agency that forwarded it. That agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.

f. **Exemption 3 Statute**—a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.

g. **FOIA Request**—a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report. Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

h. **Full Grant**—an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.

i. **Full Denial**—an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entirety under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.

j. **Median Number**—the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.

k. **Multi-Track Processing**—a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.

i. **Expedited Processing**—an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.

ii. **Simple Request**—a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.

iii. **Complex Request**—a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.

l. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial**—in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.

m. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal**—a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.

n. **Perfected Request**—a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.

o. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal**—a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.

p. **Range in Number of Days**—the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.

q. **Time Limits**—the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

3. Descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions:

a. **Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information

b. **Exemption 2:** information that is related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

c. **Exemption 3:** information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law

d. **Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information

e. **Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges

f. **Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy

g. **Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

h. **Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

i. **Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
Federal Cave Protection Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. § 4304(a))	Specific location of significant caves.	N/A	BLM	2	3
			FWS	1	
41 U.S.C. § 2102 (amending 41 U.S.C. § 423(a)(1)) (Procurement Integrity Act)	Contractor bid or proposal information; source selection information.	Legal & Safety Employer Research, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Army, No. Civ. S001748, 2001 WL 34098652, at *3-4 (E.D. Cal. May 4, 2001) (dictum).	BOR	1	4
			FWS	1	
			NPS	1	
			USGS	1	
16 U.S.C. § 470aaa-8 (Paleontological Resources Preservation Act)	Information concerning the nature and specific location of a paleontological resource.	N/A	BLM	2	2
54 U.S.C. § 100707 (National Parks Omnibus Management Act)	Information pertaining to: "endangered, threatened, rare, or commercially valuable" NPS resources	Hornbostel v . U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-	NPS	12	12

		5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004); Sw. Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. USDA, 170 F. Supp. 2d 931, 945 (D. Ariz. 2000), aff'd, 314 F.3d 1060, 1062 (9th Cir. 2002); Pease v. U.S. Dep't of Interior, No. 1:99CV113, slip op. at 2, 4 (D. Vt. Sept. 7, 1999).			
16 U.S.C. § 470hh (Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979)	Information about the location, character or ownership of a historic resource	Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03- 5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).	BIA	6	32
			BLM	18	
			NPS	8	
25 U.S.C. § 2103(c) (Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982)	Information related to decisions to grant/disapprove minerals agreements for Indian tribes	Jicarilla Apache v. U.S., 60 Fed. Cl. 611, 613-14 (2004) (dictum) (overturned on other grounds by U.S. v. Jicarilla Apache Nation, 131 S. Ct. 2313 (2011)).	OS	3	3
Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), enacted by Act of July 30, 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-78,	Certain records pertaining to grand jury proceedings	Sussman v. USMS, 494 F.3d 1106, 1113 (D.C. Cir. 2007); Fund for Constitutional Gov't v. Nat'l Archives & Records Serv.,	OIG	7	7

91 Stat. 319		656 F.2d 856, 867-68 (D.C. Cir. 1981); Durham v. U.S. Atty. Gen., No. 06-843, 2008 WL 620744, at *2 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 3, 2008); Cozen O'Connor v. U.S. Dep't of Treasury, 570 F. Supp. 2d 749, 776 (E.D. Pa. 2008).			
54 U.S.C. § 307103	Information about the location, character or ownership of a historic resource	N/A	BIA	3	10
			BLM	7	
41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1) (currently at 41 U.S.C. § 4702) (contractor proposals)	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin v. NASA, No. 09-CV-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).	BIA	1	17
	proposals of unsuccessful bidders		BLM	3	
			BSEE	1	

			FWS	2	
			NPS	6	
			OS	1	
			USGS	3	

V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
BIA	140	1,869	1,817	192
BLM	141	835	796	180
BOEM	19	171	165	25
BOR	13	350	345	18
BSEE	31	254	244	41
FWS	283	1,294	1,332	245
NPS	182	804	843	143
OIG	23	212	215	20
OS	66	571	547	90
OSM	18	117	116	19
SOL	50	102	118	34
USGS	35	213	219	29
AGENCY OVERALL	1,001	6,792	6,757	1,036

Some bureaus made entries in FY 15 that resulted in minor adjustments to the number of requests they had pending at the start of the fiscal year.

V.B.(1). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants / Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									TOTAL
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee- Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	*Explain in Chart Below	
BIA	764	509	55	202	5	32	36	26	70	6	20	92	1,817
BLM	293	250	11	70	10	42	12	4	7	3	27	67	796
BOEM	56	23	1	36	0	6	1	4	1	1	7	29	165
BOR	125	66	5	48	1	15	4	1	1	2	8	69	345
BSEE	82	45	4	68	0	6	2	2	1	8	3	23	244
FWS	537	398	43	155	5	43	13	6	10	4	17	101	1,332
NPS	293	291	27	79	6	44	25	1	1	1	23	52	843
OIG	36	70	25	69	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	8	215
OS	193	64	4	129	11	30	23	8	4	1	3	77	547
OSM	40	16	0	41	1	5	2	1	1	0	2	7	116
SOL	38	11	3	44	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	17	118
USGS	97	37	4	46	1	7	1	0	0	1	4	21	219
AGENCY OVERALL	2,554	1,780	182	987	44	233	119	56	97	27	115	563	6,757

**V.B.(2). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- "OTHER" REASONS FOR "FULL DENIALS
BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS"**

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
BIA	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	45	92
	Unable to locate requester	27	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	3	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	11	
	Request Opened in Error	4	
	Publicly Available Information	2	
BLM	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	23	67
	Unable to locate requester	4	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	1	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	13	
	Request Opened in Error	4	
	Publicly Available Information	10	
	Request administratively closed	12	
BOEM	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	5	29
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	23	
	Publicly Available Information	1	
BOR	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	11	69
	Unable to locate requester	2	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	45	
	Request Opened in Error	7	
	Publicly Available Information	2	
	Request administratively closed	2	
BSEE	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	8	23
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	4	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	6	

	Request Opened in Error	1	
	Publicly Available Information	2	
	Request administratively closed	2	
FWS	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	30	101
	Unable to locate requester	7	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	4	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	32	
	Request Opened in Error	9	
	Publicly Available Information	8	
	Request administratively closed	11	
NPS	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	31	52
	Unable to locate requester	12	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	1	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	3	
	Request Opened in Error	1	
	Request administratively closed	4	
OIG	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	4	8
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	1	
	Publicly Available Information	1	
	Request administratively closed	2	
OS	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	5	77
	Unable to locate requester	1	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	17	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	24	
	Request Opened in Error	3	
	Publicly Available Information	21	
	Request administratively closed	6	
OSM	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	3	7
	Unable to locate requester	1	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	1	

	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	2	
SOL	Unable to locate requester	7	17
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	5	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	4	
	Request administratively closed	1	
USGS	Requester failed to provide requested clarification	3	21
	Unable to locate requester	1	
	Directed Requester to Another Entity Subject to the FOIA	4	
	Assigned to Other Bureau/Office for Response	3	
	Request Opened in Error	1	
	Publicly Available Information	9	
AGENCY OVERALL			563

V.B.(3). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
BIA	0	3	10	41	43	431	37	0	232	0	0	1	0	1
BLM	0	9	24	19	87	171	8	0	32	4	6	7	0	1
BOEM	0	1	0	6	3	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
BOR	0	3	1	11	31	45	1	0	4	0	0	10	0	0
BSEE	0	0	1	17	7	34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
FWS	0	5	4	140	94	336	35	0	184	7	32	18	0	0
NPS	0	4	27	35	48	233	27	0	116	0	20	6	0	0
OIG	0	0	7	6	8	70	26	0	62	2	0	0	0	0
OS	0	0	4	17	30	45	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	1
OSM	0	0	0	5	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOL	0	0	0	1	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USGS	0	0	3	3	26	16	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2
AGENCY OVERALL	0	25	81	301	395	1,419	134	0	641	13	64	42	0	7

VIA. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS
-- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
FOIA/PA Appeals	272	191	221	242
				0
AGENCY OVERALL	272	191	221	242

VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
FOIA/PA Appeals	25	16	96	84	221
					0
AGENCY OVERALL	25	16	96	84	221

VI.C.(1). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
FOIA/PA Appeals	0	0	0	0	24	6	2	0	8	0	0	1	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	0	0	0	24	6	2	0	8	0	0	1	0	0

VI.C.(2). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS

Agency / Component	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee- Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Request in Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	Other *Explain in chart below
FOIA/PA Appeals	10	0	2	6	1	2	0	2	0	16	45
AGENCY OVERALL	10	0	2	6	1	2	0	2	0	16	45

VI.C.(3). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
FOIA/PA Appeals	Agency Performed Adequate Search	10	45
	Moot	12	
	Improper Appeal	10	
	Appeal withdrawn	6	
	No bureau response to adjudicate	1	
	Bureau's response not deficient	1	
	Bureau's response was complete	2	
	Unable to locate appellant	2	
	Withheld documents not responsive to FOIA request	1	
AGENCY OVERALL			45

VI.C.(4). RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
AGENCY OVERALL	241.00	344.00	1.00	1,525.00

VI.C.(5). TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
	Date of Appeal										
	Number of Days Pending										
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	2011-08-11	2011-08-05	2011-05-26	2011-03-31	2011-02-28	2011-01-19	2011-01-14	2010-11-26	2010-10-05	2009-11-05
	Number of Days Pending	1034	1043	1092	1132	1155	1182	1184	1217	1252	1481

VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
BIA	1	1	<1	24	12	23	<1	907	5	40	1	238
BLM	4	7	<1	26	27	53	<1	990	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BOEM	5	7	<1	46	26	51	<1	316	26	44	21	86
BOR	2	3	<1	28	17	26	<1	273	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BSEE	3	4	<1	15	21	32	1	293	4	4	4	4
FWS	2	4	<1	37	18	46	<1	1109	9	9	1	17
NPS	6	43	<1	1004	20	50	<1	1157	69	82	<1	227
OIG	1	2	<1	28	8	51	<1	856	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OS	99	99	<1	1	11	43	<1	1008	313	224	8	479
OSM	1	1	<1	1	18	40	<1	506	6	6	6	6
SOL	18	16	1	51	32	151	<1	1130	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
USGS	1	4	<1	14	13	47	<1	445	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	2	10	<1	1004	17	41	<1	1157	17	77	<1	479

VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
BIA	99	1	<1	24	12	23	<1	907	10	46	1	238
BLM	4	7	<1	26	30	56	<1	990	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BOEM	5	8	<1	46	64	70	1	316	54	54	21	86
BOR	3	3	<1	28	19	30	<1	273	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BSEE	2	4	1	8	22	39	1	293	4	4	4	4
FWS	2	4	<1	37	20	49	<1	1109	9	9	1	17
NPS	4	39	<1	1004	21	52	<1	1157	69	82	<1	227
OIG	1	3	<1	28	24	86	<1	856	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OS	99	99	<1	1	14	59	<1	1008	313	224	8	479
OSM	99	99	<1	99	21	57	3	506	6	6	6	6
SOL	18	18	1	51	92	226	<1	1130	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
USGS	1	5	<1	14	20	60	<1	445	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	1	10	<1	1004	19	46	<1	1157	17	82	<1	479

VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
BIA	110	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
BLM	39	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
BOEM	35	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
BOR	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
BSEE	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
FWS	65	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
NPS	65	4	2	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	83
OIG	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
OS	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
OSM	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SOL	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
USGS	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
AGENCY OVERALL	452	16	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	484

VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
BIA	1,048	240	44	21	9	7	6	5	3	5	15	2	7	1,412
BLM	228	140	74	41	20	22	10	11	19	3	8	3	6	585
BOEM	36	7	5	11	8	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	75
BOR	141	44	14	8	1	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	219
BSEE	86	57	13	8	2	4	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	179
FWS	583	181	76	54	50	25	20	11	15	10	25	6	11	1,067
NPS	312	118	60	28	18	9	10	8	3	5	17	1	11	600
OIG	85	16	7	3	3	4	2	1	1	2	3	1	4	132
OS	243	60	30	13	9	6	0	1	1	0	7	4	10	384
OSM	59	18	7	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	2	0	1	95
SOL	31	14	7	4	3	2	1	2	4	1	1	8	9	87
USGS	111	19	13	6	5	1	3	4	2	0	7	4	2	177
AGENCY OVERALL	2,963	914	350	197	128	88	57	51	55	28	90	30	61	5,012

VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
BIA	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
BLM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOEM	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
BOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BSEE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FWS	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
NPS	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
OSM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	15	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	28

VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			EXPEDITED PROCESSING		
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
BIA	1	12	12	139	15	55	0	N/A	N/A
BLM	0	N/A	N/A	152	66	130	1	57	57
BOEM	0	N/A	N/A	22	153	216	1	26	26
BOR	0	N/A	N/A	17	16	43	0	N/A	N/A
BSEE	0	N/A	N/A	34	39	86	0	N/A	N/A
FWS	0	N/A	N/A	222	64	123	2	18	18
NPS	8	89	96	112	73	108	2	94	94
OIG	0	N/A	N/A	20	65	101	0	N/A	N/A
OS	0	N/A	N/A	69	54	167	0	N/A	N/A
OSM	0	N/A	N/A	16	59	71	0	N/A	N/A
SOL	3	73	69	29	155	229	0	N/A	N/A
USGS	0	N/A	N/A	27	109	116	0	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	12	78	82	859	58	116	6	30	51

VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Request	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request
BIA	Date of Receipt	2014-12-09	2014-10-30	2014-10-10	2014-09-24	2014-09-18	2014-07-30	2014-03-24	2013-11-07	2013-02-26	2012-06-05
	Number of Days Pending	203	229	242	254	258	293	383	474	652	832
BLM	Date of Receipt	2014-02-27	2014-02-25	2014-02-03	2013-11-19	2013-09-12	2013-04-26	2013-04-05	2012-05-11	2012-01-18	2012-01-09
	Number of Days Pending	400	402	417	467	513	609	624	848	929	935
BOEM	Date of Receipt	2015-02-13	2014-10-23	2014-10-15	2014-10-09	2014-10-08	2014-08-20	2014-06-03	2014-03-27	2012-12-17	2011-12-07
	Number of Days Pending	159	234	240	243	244	278	333	380	698	956
BOR	Date of Receipt	2015-09-09	2015-09-08	2015-09-03	2015-09-02	2015-09-01	2015-08-13	2015-05-16	2015-04-21	2015-01-27	2015-01-13
	Number of Days Pending	15	16	18	19	20	33	94	113	172	181
BSEE	Date of Receipt	2015-06-02	2015-05-22	2015-05-19	2015-05-12	2015-04-21	2015-03-20	2015-01-12	2014-10-29	2014-10-10	2011-12-16
	Number of Days	84	90	93	98	113	135	182	230	242	949

	Pending										
FWS	Date of Receipt	2013-12-09	2013-12-06	2013-12-06	2013-09-13	2013-08-06	2013-08-02	2013-07-16	2013-06-24	2013-04-11	2012-02-08
	Number of Days Pending	454	455	455	512	539	541	554	569	620	914
NPS	Date of Receipt	2014-07-02	2014-06-26	2014-06-23	2014-06-06	2014-05-14	2014-04-29	2014-04-08	2014-02-25	2014-02-12	2013-12-01
	Number of Days Pending	312	316	319	330	346	357	372	402	410	459
OIG	Date of Receipt	2015-06-25	2015-06-22	2015-04-27	2015-02-09	2014-12-11	2014-12-09	2014-12-04	2014-11-03	2014-10-06	2014-09-23
	Number of Days Pending	67	70	109	163	201	203	206	227	246	255
OS	Date of Receipt	2013-10-18	2013-10-18	2013-10-18	2013-10-18	2013-10-18	2013-10-18	2013-07-17	2013-04-02	2012-02-14	2012-02-03
	Number of Days Pending	488	488	488	488	488	488	553	627	910	917
OSM	Date of Receipt	2015-08-10	2015-07-14	2015-07-01	2015-06-29	2015-06-09	2015-05-20	2015-04-16	2015-03-27	2015-03-03	2014-08-25
	Number of Days Pending	36	55	63	65	79	92	116	130	148	275

SOL	Date of Receipt	2014-12-02	2014-10-21	2014-08-01	2014-08-01	2014-07-16	2013-12-18	2013-09-27	2013-06-03	2013-04-24	2012-08-20
	Number of Days Pending	208	236	291	291	303	447	502	584	611	779
USGS	Date of Receipt	2015-04-24	2015-04-23	2015-03-09	2015-02-03	2014-12-16	2014-12-08	2014-11-25	2014-07-14	2013-12-12	2013-08-23
	Number of Days Pending	110	111	144	167	198	204	212	305	451	526
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Receipt	2012-08-20	2012-06-05	2012-05-11	2012-02-14	2012-02-08	2012-02-03	2012-01-18	2012-01-09	2011-12-16	2011-12-07
	Number of Days Pending	779	832	848	910	914	917	929	935	949	956

VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
BIA	7	11	1	3	17
BLM	1	12	2	5	10
BOEM	3	7	1	3	10
BOR	0	13	4	3	13
BSEE	1	4	5	7	4
FWS	4	12	2	3	15
NPS	7	18	1	3	20
OIG	0	7	1	1	7
OS	5	4	1	6	7
OSM	1	0	3	3	1
SOL	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
USGS	1	4	1	3	4
AGENCY OVERALL	30	92	1	3	108

VIII.B. REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
BIA	25	12	1	6
BLM	152	13	1	4
BOEM	6	1	1	3
BOR	28	10	1	3
BSEE	16	0	1	2
FWS	211	5	1	8
NPS	89	15	1	7
OIG	13	1	1	1
OS	6	2	4	9
OSM	5	0	1	1
SOL	1	0	15	15
USGS	60	0	1	1
AGENCY OVERALL	612	59	1	6

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

Agency / Component	PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation- Related Costs	Total Costs
BIA	5	28.69	33.69	\$2,036,399.20	\$93,628.68	\$2,130,027.88
BLM	19	6.5	25.5	\$2,758,160.02	\$10,319.00	\$2,768,479.02
BOEM	1	4.3	5.3	\$545,013.63	\$8,760.00	\$553,773.63
BOR	2	5.8	7.8	\$563,031.27	\$0.00	\$563,031.27
BSEE	4	3	7	\$617,548.45	\$3,116.00	\$620,664.45
FWS	6	15.32	21.32	\$1,895,011.07	\$72,648.68	\$1,967,659.75
NPS	1	5.85	6.85	\$278,962.60	\$85,000.00	\$363,962.60
OIG	4	0	4	\$381,427.35	\$20,292.00	\$401,719.35
OS	6	2.75	8.75	\$1,484,409.30	\$0.00	\$1,484,409.30
OSM	1	1.25	2.25	\$216,956.43	\$2,445.80	\$219,402.23
SOL	1	1.25	2.25	\$162,539.00	\$20,909.00	\$183,448.00
USGS	2	0.5	2.5	\$282,898.83	\$169,996.85	\$452,895.68
FOIA/PA Appeals	1	1.5	2.5	\$500,000.00	\$28,500.00	\$528,500.00
AGENCY OVERALL	53	76.71	129.71	\$11,722,357.15	\$515,616.01	\$12,237,973.16

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
BIA	\$15,518.22	0.76%
BLM	\$12,468.76	0.45%
BOEM	\$3,323.80	0.61%
BOR	\$7,737.70	1.37%
BSEE	\$4,548.35	0.74%
FWS	\$22,284.04	1.18%
NPS	\$16,289.65	5.84%
OIG	\$0.00	0.00%
OS	\$6,613.70	0.45%
OSM	\$446.50	0.21%
SOL	\$0.00	0.00%
USGS	\$3,635.33	1.29%
AGENCY OVERALL	\$92,866.05	0.79%

XII.A. BACKLOGS OF FOIA REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
BIA	54	N/A
BLM	120	N/A
BOEM	19	N/A
BOR	6	N/A
BSEE	19	N/A
FWS	151	N/A
NPS	91	N/A
OIG	14	N/A
OS	39	N/A
OSM	10	N/A
SOL	30	N/A
USGS	18	N/A
FOIA/PA Appeals	0	233
AGENCY OVERALL	571	233

XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Processed</u> by the Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
BIA	0	0	0	0
BLM	0	0	0	0
BOEM	0	7	7	0
BOR	0	0	0	0
BSEE	0	6	6	0
FWS	0	21	20	1
NPS	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0
OS	0	27	25	2
OSM	0	0	0	0
SOL	0	0	0	0
USGS	1	7	8	0
AGENCY OVERALL	1	68	66	3

XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY

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**XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT --
REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED**

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
BIA	1,564	1,869	1,587	1,817
BLM	760	835	778	796
BOEM	94	171	92	165
BOR	269	350	280	345
BSEE	153	254	153	244
FWS	1,264	1,294	1,168	1,332
NPS	764	804	712	843
OIG	133	212	162	215
OS	447	571	440	547
OSM	72	117	63	116
SOL	80	102	66	118
USGS	164	213	146	219
AGENCY OVERALL	5,764	6,792	5,647	6,757

XII.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
BIA	36	54
BLM	67	120
BOEM	8	19
BOR	5	6
BSEE	14	19
FWS	192	151
NPS	112	91
OIG	16	14
OS	43	39
OSM	13	10
SOL	48	30
USGS	24	18
AGENCY OVERALL	578	571

XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
FOIA/PA Appeals	165	191	90	221
AGENCY OVERALL	165	191	90	221

XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
FOIA/PA Appeals	268	233
AGENCY OVERALL	268	233

