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Attention: Eric J. Darby
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Mr. Ben Welsh
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Re: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking #
DOI-USGS-2023-000278 & DOI-USGS-2023-000279 – Response

Dear Mr. Welsh:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated October 16, 2022, assigned tracking number DOI-USGS-2023-000278 and DOI-USGS-2023-000279. You requested the following information:

DOI-USGS-2023-000278

All drone footage recorded during the October unmanned aerial vehicle mission in Hawaii to shoot Halema'uma'u and Kilauea volcano.

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All digital elevation models, or DEMs, created using data from the October unmanned aerial vehicle mission in Hawaii to shoot Halema'uma'u and Kilauea volcano.

I have enclosed one USB Flash Drive containing 804 visible spectrum/thermal infrared photographs and one GeoTIFF formatted DEM model, which are being released to you in full. Only still photographs were captured during the mission on October 5, 2022. No video was recorded during this mission.

Mr. Ben Welsh

We have previously categorized you as a “representative of the news media” and there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

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This completes the processing of your request. If you have any questions about our response, you may contact me by electronic mail at foia@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Darby
U.S. Geological Survey
Government Information Specialist

Enclosure

1 USB Flash Drive (804 Photographs, DEM Model.tif)