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Subject: Input for DeFazio/Campbell response
Attachments: Campbell DeFazio.pdf

Hi Tami and Shawn,

Tom suggested I consult you about our response to the attached incoming letter from Reps. DeFazio and Campbell, requesting a thorough audit of Wildlife Services, in particular, lethal predator control activities, in light of recent news alleging animal cruelty on the part of a WS employee. They are also requesting to see the results of an investigation into the conduct of that employee.

The misconduct investigation concluded that the employee violated no existing rules and is therefore not subject to any discipline. Tonya Woods, our FOIA director, has advised us that we cannot release the report but has also raised a question about whether we can say anything at all about the outcome of the investigation since it was a personnel matter.....

I'm cc:ing Gary Roush, the writer drafting the response if possible, we would like to consult with both of you as to our options/limitations for this response.

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