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Date: June 26, 2009

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RE: Freedom of Information Request Control No. 210

Dear Ms. Karin Zirk:

This is our final determination to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 15, 2009. Your original FOIA request was received in our Santa Fe National Forest FOIA Requester Center on June 16, 2009. You are requesting “a copy of the non-commercial group use permit that was issued for the Rainbow Gathering happening in the Santa Fe National Forest.” Enclosed in entirety are 5 pages responsive to your request.

Exemption 6 permits the Government to withhold all information about individuals in “personnel and medical files and similar files,” where the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” In determining whether a particular disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, the Forest Service must balance the public’s right to disclosure against the individuals’ right to privacy.

We have determined that the release of home addresses and telephone numbers of the permit applicants would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Lisa Law, and Lindsey Dearborn, therefore, the information must be withheld pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).



Pursuant to Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subtitle A, Part 1, Subpart A, Appendix A, there is no charge for the records enclosed as the amount falls below the minimum amount required for the Forest Service to collect fees. We believe this fully satisfies your FOIA request with the Southwestern Region FOIA Requester Center.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Faye L. Krueger (for)*  
CORBIN L. NEWMAN, JR.  
Regional Forester

cc: Daniel Jiron  
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Enclosures (1)