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February 21, 2017

Mr. Corey J. Wells
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
20 M St., SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Wells:

We have received your memorandum regarding the fire at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Challis Field Office, located at 1151 Blue Mountain Road in Challis, Idaho, on October 4, 2016.

While we understand that the full damage report will not be completed by the independent recovery contractor until June 30, 2017, NARA is requesting that BLM, in accordance with 36 CFR 1230.16(b), provide us with an interim report regarding the records that were removed by the contractor for restoration and digitization, or destroyed completely by the fire.

NARA is requesting a response within 30 calendar days that includes an inventory of the records affected by the fire. Please include in your response all available information that is pertinent to the description of the records, including but not limited to the specific file names and descriptions, types of media affected (i.e., paper, photographic, drawings, video, audio, electronic, etc.), approximate volume for each record series, and the disposition authority number for each record series.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Skevakis at 301-837-3069 or karyn.skevakis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
for the U.S. Government

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August 14, 2018

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Dear Mr. Wells:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the final report dated August 3, 2018, that contained a detailed description of the official records lost in the Challis Field Office fire on October 4, 2016, and included a description of the records, approximate volume and dates, and the disposition authority. The initial letter that NARA received on February 13, 2017, included a description of the office maintaining the records, an outline of the details of the circumstances surrounding the unauthorized destruction, and safeguards that BLM initiated in order to prevent another such occurrence.

Based on the information received in these letters, BLM has met the requirements listed in 36 CFR 1230.14 and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Skevakis, Senior Records Analyst, at 301-837-3069 or by email at karyn.skevakis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
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Enclosures (2)
2-13-2017_UD-2017-0030_Agency Self-Report.pdf
8-3-2018_UD-2017-0016_Report.pdf

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