



August 24, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Wells:

On July 25, 2017, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received a report from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) documenting an incident of unauthorized destruction of Federal records.

On December 27, 2016, a BLM employee in the Salt Lake Field Office prematurely disposed of approximately eight cubic feet of physical land-use permits in an effort to make space for additional records, after the local records manager provided an incorrect retention period of three years. The land-use permit records were the original records in paper form covering FY 1990 through FY 2015. These permit records included correspondence, applications, maps, permits, payment receipts, serial register pages, and related materials. The destruction of these records was discovered in June 2017, after the state records manager received the disposal form.

The letter that you sent to NARA described the events and circumstances around the authorized disposition, your attempts to recreate as much of the permit records as possible, and the safeguards for future avoidance. Your letter satisfies the requirements listed in 36 CFR 1230.14 on reporting to NARA any unlawful or accidental destruction of Federal records. NARA accepts your description of the events and the corrective actions taken to address the loss of records in this matter and considers this case closed.

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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](mailto:karyn.skevakis@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

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