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July 10, 2023

David Giberson
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Dear David Giberson,

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Risk Management Agency's (RMA) report regarding the unauthorized disposition of RMA records.

The report indicates that the RMA shipped 11 record boxes from an RMA facility in Billings, MT, to a third-party vendor in Fulton, MD, using UPS Ground to have official RMA records digitized. When the 11 boxes arrived at the vendor on Friday, June 2, 2023, the record boxes that contained the official RMA records were all damaged with four boxes having severe damage. Box one of this shipment was missing 50 records identified as historical T-Yield maps. These records can also be found on the public RMA website.

NARA understands that UPS conducted an investigation into the missing records;, however, they were unable to locate the records.

While NARA accepts your description of events and recognizes that duplicates of the missing records are available on the public RMA website, in accordance with 36 CFR 1230, please provide a report that describes safeguards that will be implemented to prevent the future unauthorized disposition of RMA records. Please provide the report within 30 days of the date on this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at Laurence.Brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurence V. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'V'.

LAURENCE BREWER
Chief Records Officer
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Cc: Beatriz Collazo, USDA Department Records Officer



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August 22, 2023

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Dear David Giberson:

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) received the Risk Management Agency's (RMA) follow-up report dated August 11, 2023, regarding the unauthorized disposition of RMA records lost in transit by the United Parcel Service (UPS).

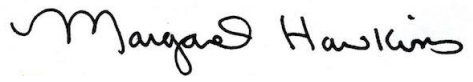
This follow-up report indicates that the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) shipped 11 record boxes from an RMA facility in Billings, MT, to a third-party vendor in Fulton, MD, using UPS Ground to have official RMA records digitized. When the 11 boxes arrived at the vendor on Friday, June 2, 2023, the brand new record boxes that contained the official RMA records were all damaged, with four boxes having severe damage. Box one of this shipment was identified as missing 50 records from within the box.

NARA acknowledges that the 50 missing records are historical T-Yield maps that can also be found on the public RMA website and that the RMA executed all protocols and procedures correctly and that the loss of records was a result of UPS' mishandling of RMA records. Thus, there are no safeguards that RMA could establish to prevent this type of unauthorized disposition incident.

Based on the information provided, the reporting requirements of 36 CFR 1230.14(a) have been met, this allegation is unfounded and NARA considers this matter closed. I appreciate your attention on this important matter.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at laurence.brewer@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

 for

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