



United States Department of the Interior

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The Honorable Doc Hastings
Ranking Member
House Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Hastings:

The Department of the Interior has carried out a search for information in its possession related to your February 26, 2010, request for documents. Specifically, you request:

1. *All pages of the "Internal Draft" document;*
2. *With regard to the "brainstorming" sessions, a copy of any documents distributed at or in preparation for the meetings, a list of all participants or invitees, any notes taken at the meeting (s), and any memoranda, work product or follow up documents from the meeting(s); all records, electronic or otherwise, of meetings or discussions with private groups, individuals or other persons or entities that are not employees of the Department of the Interior where potential National Monument designations were discussed; as well as all notes, agendas, memoranda or documents from those meetings;*
3. *All documents related to the Secretary's initiative to compile a list of potential National Monument designations since July 1, 2009, including, but not limited to, maps; and*
4. *Any communication with any person or entity outside of the Department of the Interior related to the Secretary's initiative since July 1, 2009.*

The Department of Justice has provided guidance on document requests from Members of Congress. Pursuant to the DOJ guidance, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

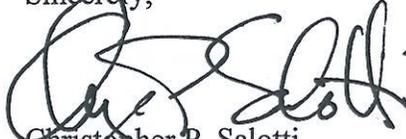
Enclosed with this letter is a CD-ROM, labeled "00013553_Hastings_001", dated 4/30/2010, which was prepared by the Department's Office of Executive Secretariat - Document Management Unit. This disk contains 229 documents, totaling 383 pages of material that is releasable under FOIA. Please refer to the CD-ROM and the accompanying document index for a brief description of the documents. In addition, 2016 pages of documents have been withheld under FOIA's deliberative process exemption.

We are in the process of finalizing this search and will supplement this response as this process is concluded.

Your April letter was co-signed by several Members. We have provided information identical to that contained in this response to those Members under separate cover.

If you have any questions please contact Christopher Salotti, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 208-1403.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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