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Record Description:

In February 2003, the Department of Energy co-authored a report with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management entitled "Assessing the Potential for Renewable Energy on Public Lands" (see DOE/GO-102003-1704, available online at http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy03osti/33530.pdf). WildEarth Guardians hereby requests any and all geographic information system ("GIS") data used to prepare the report.

Preferred Form or Format: electronic data

Type of Requester (if provided):

Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for scholarly or scientific purpose and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

As this is a request for records from an executive branch agency, the Department of Energy, it is clear that this request concerns the operations and activities of government.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

The information requested will help provide crucial insight into the data used to prepare the 2003 report, "Assessing the Potential for Renewable Energy on Public Lands."

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Public oversight and enhanced understanding of the Department of Energy's oversight of renewable energy development is absolutely necessary.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is

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likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

The information requested in this FOIA request will be used to contribute to one or more of the following: public interest litigation, petitions, local and national newsletters, public presentations, e-mail and postal mail publications, and local and national news stories contributed to or written by WildEarth Guardians and its members. The most likely sources of dissemination will be through the print media, although it may also be disseminated through litigation and associated media work and mailed publications.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

Access to government documents, disclosure forms, and similar materials through FOIA requests is essential to WildEarth Guardians' role of educating the general public. WildEarth Guardians, a non-profit organization, has no commercial interest and will realize no commercial benefit from the release of the requested information.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

WildEarth Guardians has no commercial interest.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: