



File Code: 6270
2017-FS-WO-00542-F (LEI)

Date: FEB 07 2017

Mr. John Greenwald, Jr.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 3, 2016, which was received by the Washington Office FOIA Service Center, Office of Regulatory and Management Services (ORMS) on November 4, 2016, and assigned tracking number 2017-FS-WO-00542-F. You requested "records, electronic or otherwise, of all reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) received by the USFS by either the public, or by USFS employees/personnel."

We searched for records in both the Washington Office Headquarters and in each Region/National Forest; we have aggregated the Region responses, and are issuing one response on behalf of the agency. We searched everywhere a reasonably knowledgeable professional could expect to find responsive records and found 18 pages of records. We are releasing to you nine pages in full and disclosing nine pages in part with information withheld pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6) and 7(C).

FOIA Exemptions 6

Exemption 6 requires the Government to withhold all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files," where disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." We have determined information pertaining to private citizens (names, faces in photographs, email addresses) must be protected pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

FOIA Exemption 7(C)

Exemption 7(C) requires the Government to withhold records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have determined that the name of a law enforcement officer must be protected pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the FOIA. Federal employees involved in law enforcement, as well as employees in sensitive occupations, do possess, by virtue of the nature of their work, substantial privacy interests in their identities. For law enforcement personnel, these privacy interests are generally protected under Exemption 7(C).



Pursuant to Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subtitle A, Part 1, Subpart A, Appendix A, there is no charge as the amount falls below the minimum amount required to collect fees.

This concludes the Forest Service's response to your FOIA request. The FOIA provides you the right to appeal this response. Any appeal must be made in writing, within 90 days from the date of this letter, to the Chief, USDA, Forest Service: 1) by email to wo_foia@fs.fed.us; 2) by regular mail to Mail Stop 1143, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1143; 3) by Fed Ex or UPS to 201 14th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1143 and telephone (202) 205-1542. The term "FOIA APPEAL" should be placed in capital letters on the subject line of the email or on the front of the envelope. To facilitate the processing of your appeal, please include a copy of this letter and/or the FOIA case number assigned to your request.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact the FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 205-1542. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracy S. Perry", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

TRACY S. PERRY
Director, Law Enforcement and Investigations

Electronic enclosure: 18 pages







(b)(6)



From: Grubb, Kevin - FS
Sent: 16 Nov 2016 16:29:41 +0000
To: Douglas, Susan P -FS
Subject: FW: UFO
Attachments: Bighorn UFO2.jpg, Bighorn UFO3.jpg, Bighorn UFO4.jpg, Bighorn UFO1.jpg

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Grubb, Kevin - FS <kevingrubb@fs.fed.us>
Subject: UFO

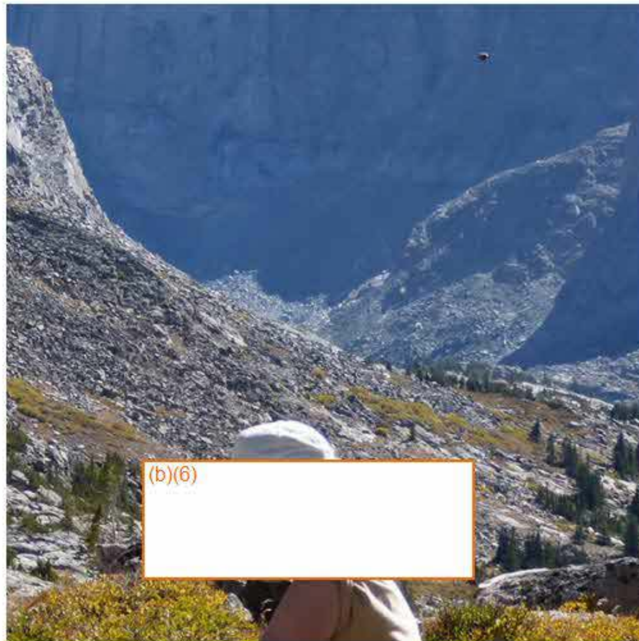
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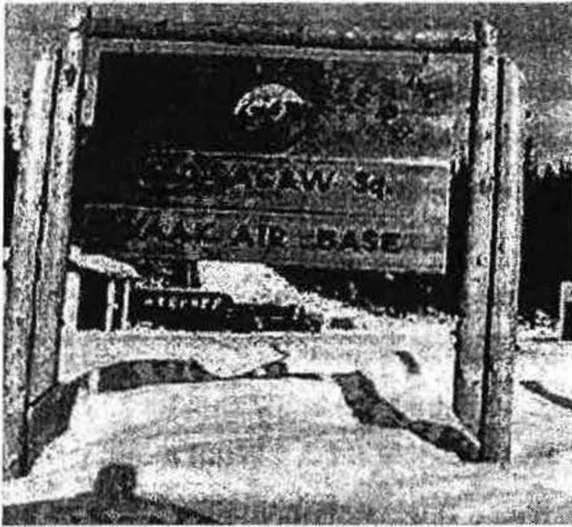
Attached are 4 digital photos. Taken 9-12-15 at about 2:30 PM. Looking southeast; from lower lake in valley below Mather Peaks to the head wall above the upper Lost Twin Lakes, a distance of approx. 2.8 miles as the crow flies. The first shot was probably taken about 10 seconds or so before the second shot. The object is not seen in the first shot, but appears in the second. The third shot is just an enlargement of #2, and the forth shot a further enlargement. Very strange, as we saw or heard nothing unusual—we only saw the object later (about a week ago) in shot #2. We are not sure if it appears in other shots, as we didn't study the rest very closely. We'll have to take a closer look sometime. Note: I don't think the pics are in order. #1 looks like it's at the end. (b)(6) and our dog (b)(6) appear in the photos. We had no idea we were not alone?

Like I said over the phone, my first guess was that it's a drone, but I couldn't find any picture of a drone on the internet that looked like it. You may find our permit in your records. Maybe there are other permits for persons that may have traveled up that way from the trailhead, but we didn't see anybody until we came out on Sunday. We came in on the 10th and left on the 13th, a day earlier than our permit stated. (We were tired; but maybe we should have stayed—the weather and the scenery are beautiful there.)

Let me know sometime what you all think.

Sincerely (b)(6)

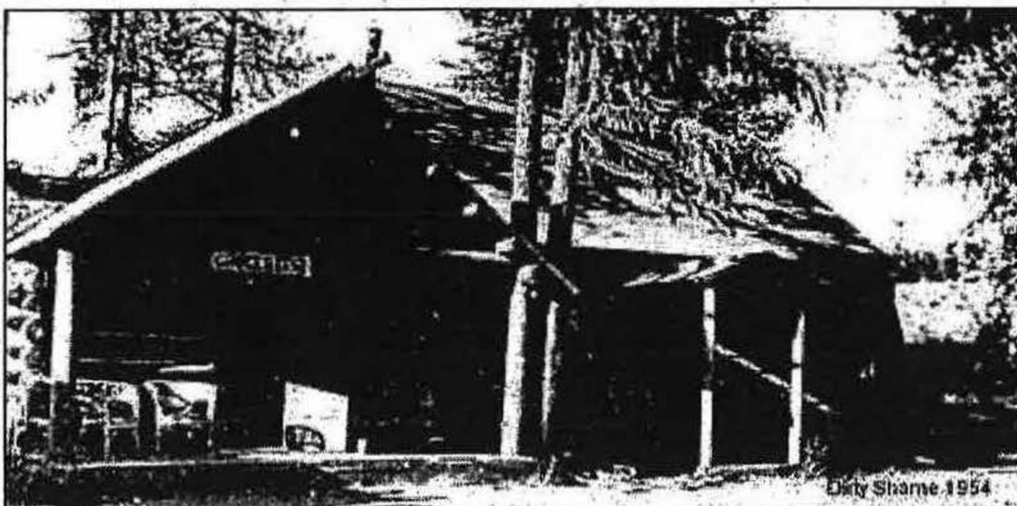




Headquarters 680th AC & W Squadron Yaak Air Base

The 680th was first activated in the Spring of 1951. It was the the easternmost site of the 9th Air Division. Primarily, their mission was, "to maintain radar surveillance for the purpose of providing early warning and continuous intelligence of air activity detected to conduct ground controlled interceptions as assigned by the ADDC, and to train continuously for the effective accomplishment of these missions." This site was one of many in a huge network encircling the Continental United States and performing the Air Defense mission. This station was part of the "Dew Line." The purpose of all of this radar was the early detection of bombers launched from what was then the Soviet Union. The expectation was that if bombers were launched by the Soviet Union, the most likely route to the United States would be over the North Pole.

The Yaak Air Base was open from April of 1952 to July 1, 1960, and was located near the junction of South Fork Road 68 and Yaak Highway 508 or better known by locals as the Dirty Shame. The Dirty Shame was the only business in that area during the era of the air base. It was not the same building as today, but was a larger log structure that sold gasoline had a small grocery store and barber chair, restaurant and a tavern.



Dirty Shame 1954

Around 1950 a Mr. (b)(6) bought the land the Dirty Shame resides on from (b)(6)

(b)(6) A year after this purchase a crew came in and started construction on the base.

It was assumed that Mr. (b)(6) had advance information about the radar base coming.

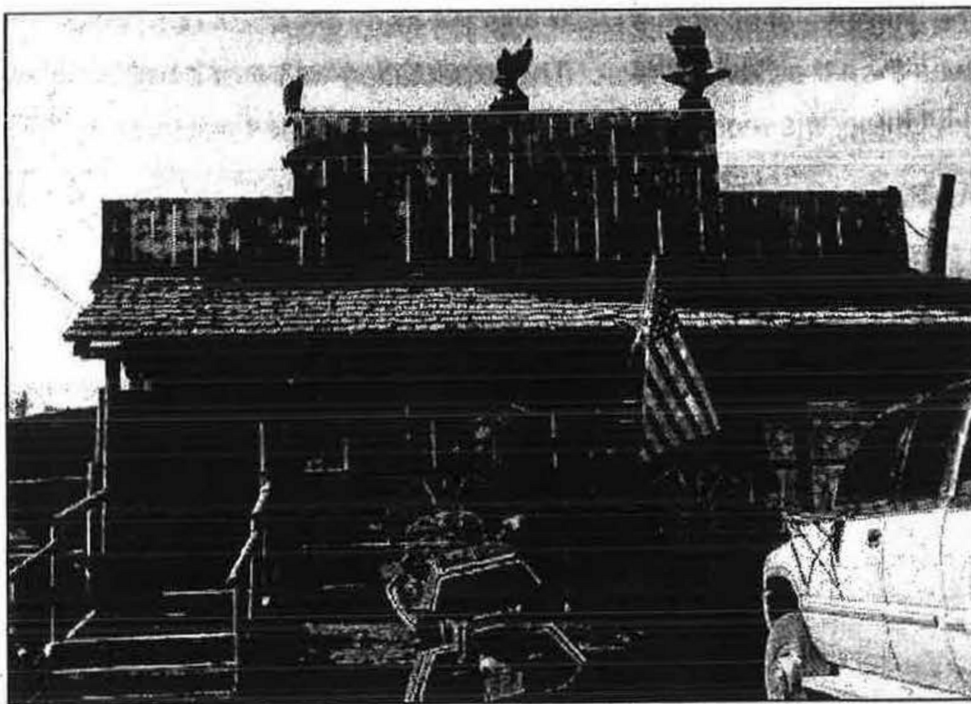
Shortly after construction began, Mr. (b)(6) opened the first bar in the Yaak.

It was a small log building that was on the property and his bar consisted of two saw horses with some planks placed on them. It seated about 6-8 people and required all customers to check guns and knives. His stock of liquor was very limited and soon depleted.

There are two stories on how it got its name, the Dirty Shame. One is that a worker came down from the base after work for a drink and the liquor was all gone. He said, "What a dirty shame." The other is that one of the longtime residents said, "What a dirty shame we

have to have a bar up here." Mr. (b)(6) didn't run the bar for long. He sold to (b)(6)

(b)(6) from Libby, and they built a nice building and ran it most of the time the base was there. They sold to (b)(6) from California and a year or so after he bought it, it burned down. The base had moved out by then and business had slowed down, so he obtained a small trailer and called it the Dirty Shame Jr. The current building was built from a rumored, "five small structures jammed together," following that fire.



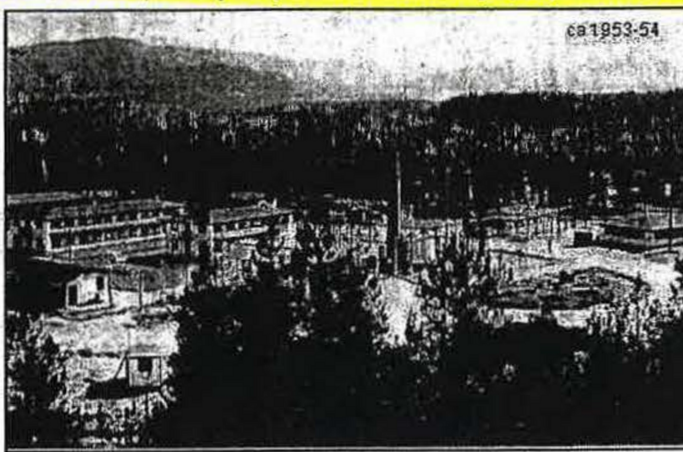
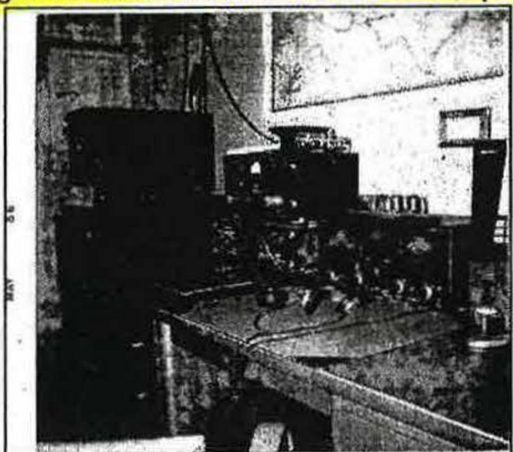
Dirty Shame 2004

When the base opened in 1951. There were about two to three hundred servicemen and about twenty-five civilian employees. The primary mission of the site was to provide early warning of all air traffic. To do this required men trained as radar operators. To keep the radar operating required men trained in radar maintenance. To communicate the air traffic to Air Force locations where defense decisions could be made required radio equipment and land-lines. Communication equipment required men trained in radio maintenance. Moving the

crews from the lower to the upper site and back required a motor pool with drivers and mechanics. All of these people had to eat, which required a mess hall and cooks. Supplies were needed to run all of this, which required trained supply mechanics. Security was an important function and required trained security personnel. To keep track of the entire operation required administration with a commanding officer, first sergeant and administrative technicians. There were many buildings, barracks, a motor pool, supply, mess hall, NCO club and gymnasium, all of which required men trained in building maintenance. There were even medics. The call sign of this remote station was Frosty.

The Yaak Air Base was made up of two locations; a lower site just above the Dirty Shame, and the upper site where the radar was located. Radar crews traveled from the lower site by truck or weapon carriers to the upper site via a switchback road of five miles. Upper site was located at the top of Hensley Mountain and it was here that a radome housed search radar and height finder radar. From South Fork Yaak Rd 68, the radome looked like a huge mushroom.

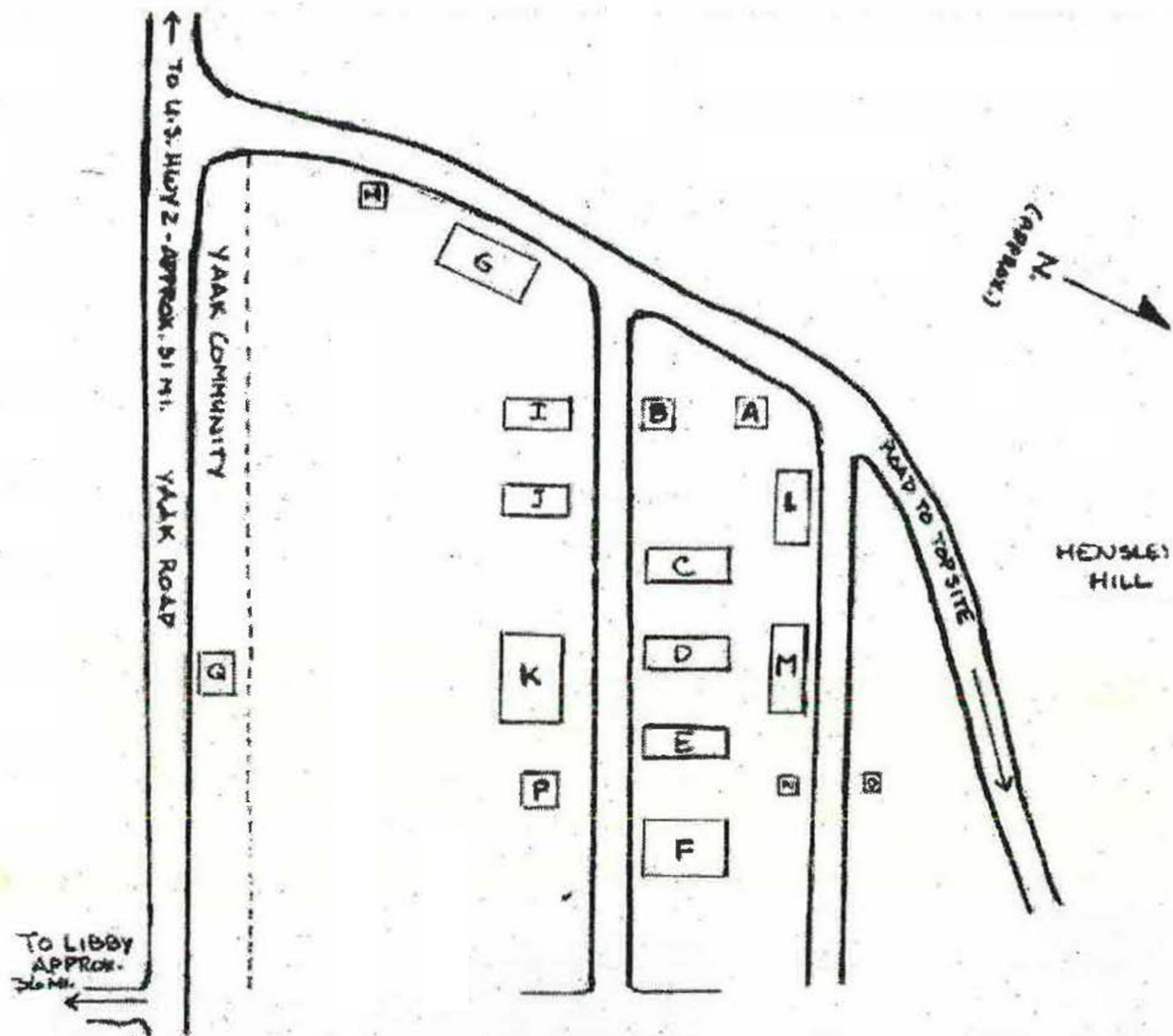
The Yaak Radar Station also had its share of mystery, on Sept. 1, 1952, Yaak, Montana. 4:45 a.m.: Two USAF enlisted men, and three men using AN/FPS-3 radar set. Report visually sighting two small, varicolored lights becoming black silhouettes at dawn, and flying erratically for one hour. The crew at the radar station saw a, "dark, cigar shaped object," right where the radar had the UFO pinpointed. What these people saw is a mystery to this day.



Information collected from memoirs of (b)(6)

(b)(6) and a handbook given to all the new arrivals to the Yaak Air Base.

27 May 2003



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| A. Motor Pool | N. MARS Radio Shack |
| B. Steam Plant | O. Paint Storage |
| C. Bachelor Airmen Qtrs. 1 | P. Non-Commissioned Officers Club |
| D. Bachelor Airmen Qtrs. 2 | Q. "The Dirty Shame" bar |
| E. Bachelor Airmen Qtrs. 3 | |
| F. Base Exchange & Rec. Room | |
| G. Administration Building | |
| H. Main Gate - Air Police Shack | |
| I. Bachelor Officer Qtrs. 1 | |
| J. Bachelor Officer Qtrs. 2 | |
| K. Mess Hall | |
| L. Squadron Supply | |
| M. Installation Engineer's Office | |

Drawing Contributed by Lee Dexter

WildCAD Incident Card - Richfield Interagency Fire Center: RID 2016-6153*"FA 32 Meteroite" Smoke Check 07/27/2016 23:21:00*

Area 13 (Salina South to Kingston Canyon, West Of)

Reporting Party: 3A704B via public safety**Initial Report On Conditions:**

Meteor created wildfire near Maple Grove

Initial Location: Maple Grove

Lat: 38°59'56.83", Lon: 111°58'11.65", T21S, R2W, SWNE Sec 12

Actual Location:

Lat: 38°59'56.83", Lon: 111°58'11.65"

Incident Notes:

416019 x 4317120

Dispatcher: Dave Tait **Status:** Closed **Sub-Type:** False Alarms**Fiscal Codes:** PDKJL4-1502**Web Comment:****Resource Details:****E441:**

Committed at 07/28/2016 09:22:48, On Scene at 07/28/2016 09:22:51, Released at 07/28/2016 09:24:09

E5326:

Committed at 07/28/2016 09:52:51, Responding at 07/28/2016 09:53:43, Returning at 07/28/2016 12:07:36, Released at 07/28/2016 12:27:22

Entry Date/Time	From	To	Details
07/27/2016 23:24:38	3A704B	DT	Responding to a smoke report near Maple Grove. Reporting party is in the Maple Grove Camp Ground and has a visual of a fire that was caused by a meteor hitting the mountain.
07/27/2016 23:29:47	DT	JA	Called the on call phone and Jerran contacted the duty officers. We'll wait to hear if the fire is actively burning before depatching any federal resources at this time.
07/27/2016 23:31:40	3A704D	DT	Leaving Scipio enroute new smoke report.
07/27/2016 23:45:14	3A704D	DT	In Maple grove are talking with reporting party
07/27/2016 23:59:56	3A704B	DT	In the Maple Grove area. No visual on a fire at this time.
07/28/2016 00:14:14	3A704B	DT	Self and 3A704D in contact with reporting party. They are working on a game plan.
07/28/2016 00:25:02	3A704D	DT	Have a fisual. Trying to get a better location identified.
07/28/2016 00:28:09	DT	3A700	Gave update.
07/28/2016 00:45:02	Monroe	DT	Fire is East of Hwy 50. Looks to be on Richfield BLM. Tyler will talk to the BLM DO in the morning. Monroe, 3A704D and 3A704B are leaving and are enroute to their respective homes.
07/28/2016 01:03:00	3A704D	DT	Called in with a rough location. Fire was located at a bearing of 149 degrees from Maple Grove (39 00.954 x 112 05.374). He is back at Scipio.
07/28/2016 01:10:01	Monroe	DT	General location 38 59.947' N, 111 58.207' W
07/28/2016 01:17:25	Monroe	DT	Back in Richfield
07/28/2016 01:27:39	3A704B	DT	In Kanosh Out of Service
07/28/2016 08:52:54	Jon	MO	of J 41 has recieved reports of smoke in the area of this incident from their jumpers on Lower Ebbs. J 41 will fly over on their way to Ogden and give us a report
07/28/2016 08:59:03	JA	Jeff B	Call and let him know about the fire he is going talk to Tyler and get more information

Entry Date/Time	From	To	Details
07/28/2016 09:22:58	Jump 41	AC	size up:
07/28/2016 09:32:48	Bergfeld	ST	placed order for helicopter for IA to take a look at the 38 59.943 x 111 58.195 from Tyler Jeff will also send an Engine E5326 Pollock Ground Contact
07/28/2016 09:42:05	J 41	MO	in area looking
07/28/2016 09:49:27	ST	Bergfeld	let him know J-41 is in the area unable to locate yet - hold off on the ship until we see if can find anything first.
07/28/2016 09:53:55	E 5326	AC	>
07/28/2016 10:17:02	J 41	MO	UTL incident. They flew the area extensively for half an hour
07/28/2016 10:50:04	5326	JA	Is look for a lat lon in area can not find
07/28/2016 10:53:51	5326	JA	Gave cody a bearing of 149 degrees from maple Gove
07/28/2016 11:34:41	AA 2SA	MO	nothing showing at coordinates given, potential in area is low
07/28/2016 12:07:38	E5326	JA	Enrt RID
07/28/2016 12:27:40	5326	JA	back in RID
07/28/2016 15:11:36	AA 2SA	MO	nothing showing

VOR	ATB	Helibase
17nm 021° RIF: RICHFIELD	19nm 082° FOM: FILLMORE A	17nm 021° RIF: RICHFIELD
19nm 082° FOM: FILLMORE A	44nm 186° U14: NEPHI AIRP	19nm 082° FOM: FILLMORE A
31nm 110° DTA: DELTA VORT	98nm 157° TVY: TOOELE NDB	44nm 186° U14: NEPHI AIRP
44nm 186° U14: NEPHI AIRP	135nm 084° ELY: ELY VOR/DM	148nm 254° GJC: GRAND JUNC
57nm 036° U52: BEAVER MUN	148nm 254° GJC: GRAND JUNC	187nm 287° CEZ: CORTEZ VOR

Initial Report On Conditions

Fuels: Acres: W Speed: Dir: Slope: Aspect:

Spread: Complexity: Jurisdiction:

Structures:

Initial Strategy: N/A

Fire Report Information

Fire #: 6153 SubUnit: SubUnit #:

Acres: Size Class: Elevation: Land Status:

Contain: Control: Out:

Statistical Cause: Specific Cause:

From: [Derobertis, Marie J -FS](#)
To: [Derobertis, Marie J -FS](#)
Subject: UFOs
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 1:55:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



Marie Derobertis
Regional FOIA/Privacy Act Coordinator

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Caring for the land and serving people

From: Rockett, Paige D -FS
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 1:33 PM
To: FS-pdl r3 tonto group-and-rangers
Cc: FS-pdl r3 all paos
Subject: Secret govt installation being built in the Salt River Canyon area on the TNF: call-in report today at front desk

All –

David received a call this morning at the front desk from a male caller reporting the construction of a secret government installation upstream from the Salt River Canyon past Pinal Creek (upstream from Roosevelt Lake). Aliens and at least one detached head are involved.

Caller claims to have seen construction cranes coming out the side of the cliffs, miniature stealth planes and UFOs, aliens and people working together at the site, aliens eating people. He found a severed head and claims to have pictures of some of this stuff.

Caller reported that he is 60, not crazy, and doesn't do drugs. He said he had already called the "office at the lake," but he didn't know if those people were turning the other cheek or maybe those people have been paid off.

David had him leave a message with Bray.

Please let me know if there are any Talking Points to be developed. I'm sure the Phoenix media will be all over this.

Thanks.

P.S. David and I aren't doing drugs either.



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File Code: 6270-1

Date: September 20, 2013

(b)(6)

RE: Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, FOIA Request 2013-FS-R8-04595-F

Dear Mr. (b)(6)

Enclosed is our final response to your FOIA request dated July 12, 2013 that was initially sent to the National Park Service (NPS). Our office received the request forwarded by the NPS on July 16, 2013. Your request was for information related to the following statement "Witnesses saw flaming space junk or satellite crash land in these mountains [Massanutten Range, Virginia] which may have caused the forest fire of last year: June 24, 2012, at around 1150PM Sunday."

Based on the time and location you have given, we have determined that the fire in question is the Point 2 Fire. This fire was initially reported on June 25, 2012 on Massanutten Mountain within National Forest System lands administered by the Lee Ranger District. We have thoroughly reviewed all files associated with this fire and have found the enclosed records responsive to your request. The handwritten notes are those of the Lee District Ranger, Katie Donahue. The cause of the fire was determined to be from lightning, due to the remoteness of the area and the lightning strike data that is collected by the Bureau of Land Management.

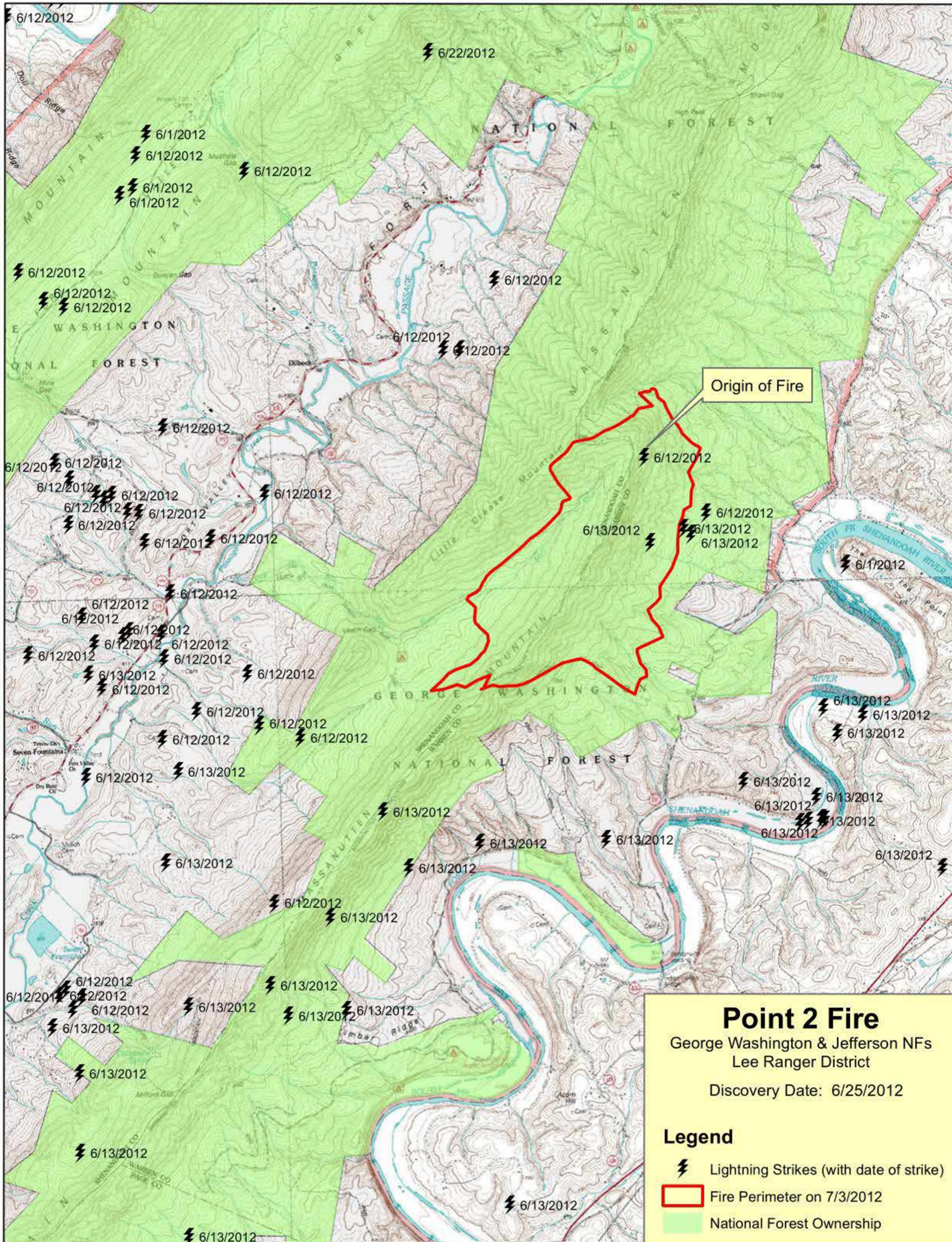
Your FOIA request has been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and the Privacy Act (PA), 5 U.S.C. 552a. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Overcash at 540-265-5175.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cynthia Holland, for
H. Thomas Speaks, Jr.
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures





POINT 2- AM BRIEFING 6/210

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

- has been informed;

likely to be human caused, but he did ^{not} come at ^{due to remoteness}

(b)(6)

across creek (spoke to last night)

Prev. issues w/ folks in white house w/ dogs

* Watersource : Seven Fountains?

Strasburg Reservoir

- One squad coming off central zone
1890s, Kleek, a few others

* Need to add cell phone list to IAP

- Dodge is down on the Clinch

- Can get the Sweco in about 2/3 way
(to first switchback)

- Planning mtg 1500

- Tactical mtg 1430

- Likely to move briefing up to 0900 ^{after tomorrow}

- Call Mike Madden to check on heritage
resources

* Be prepared for this to go thru the wknd.

- Probably looking @ 50 acres

- Could use Sherman Gap if you have to -
not ideal from getting in standpoint

6/27 cont.

- Locals saw lightening - could have struck a few weeks back.

BACK ON PLANNING MTG 7/1/2012

- S# to clean place
- Items broken?
- Ponce line
- Bathrooms
- Once over for electric / blinking lights
- 209

Div A - no prep by Sherm Gup

Div 2 - fire ops by that; monitor by shelter

Div B - minimizing exposure on night shift
(still figuring it out)

Roll over the night shift tomorrow
bring back on 7/4

Air ops: 4 lights

Move 1 back to SHP

2 left at least to support recon

pick up type 2 from Park + use it
for firing

Safety supports the plan