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Dear Charis Wilson:

I am writing you to give you an update on my efforts to get some financial records from Mesa Verde National Park.

Simply stated, I haven't gotten very far. In fact, the efforts to make the operations of all the agencies of our government more open and transparent and the directives to work towards a new spirit of cooperation with FOIA requestors obviously are not working within the Intermountain Regional Office of the NPS and at Mesa Verde National Park.

After I wrote Diane Cooke last month, I received a letter from Jack O'Brian of the Intermountain Regional Office dated October 5, 2009. In it, he referred to an email sent to him by Bill Nelligan of Mesa Verde National Park and to another very inflated estimate of the time required to fulfill my RFI.

From both Jack O'Brian's letter and Bill Nelligan's email, it appears they simply did not read my second and restated RFI carefully, they chose to ignore the self-imposed time limit I had included in it, and in the process, they have delayed again my efforts to obtain some very basic financial information from Mesa Verde National Park.

For your perusal, I have included both my latest cover letter to Jack O'Brian and my modified and restated RFI.

As I wrote in my last letter, there may be a new administration in power, and new directives and memorandums describing a new era of openness and transparency, and a public desire for a new spirit of cooperation, but at Mesa Verde National Park, there's been no change.

I hope you don't mind this update. I just want you to know that some things haven't changed. Nevertheless, some people appreciate everything you are doing; and I continue to hope that the dreams of an open and transparent government someday will be fulfilled.

Looking ahead,

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