This is our response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 25, 2017, and received in this office on May 17, 2017. In your request you asked for the following information with a specific search range between October 1, 2014 and April 24, 2017:

1. Any email exchanges between FS employees and/or Dominion Resources and/or GAI Consultants, discussing the hiring and/or use of GAI Consultants as third party contractor in the project;

2. Any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the hiring and/or use of GAI Consulting as third party contractor in the project;

3. Any Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to the hiring and/or use of GAI Consultants as third party contractor in the project; and

4. Any employment contractor or similar contractual document between the FS and GAI Consultants relating to third party contracting in the project.

A reasonable search was conducted by this office and upon review of the documents found (14) pages to be responsive to your request. We have determined that (3) pages of records are being withheld in full, and (11) pages are being withheld partially pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

Exemption 5 permits the Government to withhold “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party in litigation with the agency.” The most commonly invoked privilege incorporated within Exemption 5 is the deliberative process privilege, the general purpose of which is to “prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions.” Specifically, three policy purposes consistently have been held to constitute the bases for this privilege: (1) to encourage open, frank discussions on matters of policy between subordinates and superiors; (2) to protect against premature disclosure of proposed policies before they are actually adopted; and (3) to protect against public confusion that might result from disclosure of reasons and rationales that were not in fact ultimately the grounds for an agency's action. We have determined that certain information that is the subject of your request must be withheld pursuant to the deliberative process component of Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the Government to withhold all information about individuals in “personnel and medical and similar files,” where the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” In determining whether a particular disclosure would
constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, the Forest Service must balance the public’s right
to disclosure against the privacy interest of the individual whose privacy might be affected by disclosure.
The determination of whether the disclosure of private information is required under Exemption 6 turns
not on the identity of the requester or on the particular purpose for which the records are sought, but on
the nature of the information requested and its relationship to the core purpose for which Congress
enacted the FOIA: to shed light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties.

Fees

Pursuant to Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subtitle A, Part I, Subpart A, Appendix A, the
FOIA allows for the assessment of search and duplication costs. The first 100 pages of duplication and 2
hours of research time are provided free of charge. We made the discretionary decision to grant you a
waiver of fees, therefore, no search and duplication costs are being assessed with this release.

Appeal Rights

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; or
3) by FedEx 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 (2017-FS-R8-05259-F) 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.

If you have questions regarding this FOIA request, you may contact Douglas Meloche at (404) 347-4427
or email to dmeloche@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

Anne Bradley

Tony Tooke
Regional Forester

Enclosures

cc: Douglas Meloche, Karen Overcash, Karen Stevens
From: Adams, Jennifer - FS  
To:  
Subject: FW: GAI assistance on ACP & MVP  
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 8:30:15 AM  
Attachments:  

For decision file

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Caring for the land and serving people

From: Morris, Troy - FS  
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:34 PM  
To: Karriker, Kent S -FS <kkarriker@fs.fed.us>; Collins, Thomas K -FS <tkcollins@fs.fed.us>; Adams, Jennifer - FS <jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us>  
Subject: RE: GAI assistance on ACP & MVP

Concur!

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From: Karriker, Kent S -FS
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Collins, Thomas K -FS <tkcollins@fs.fed.us>; Adams, Jennifer - FS <jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Morris, Troy - FS <troymorris@fs.fed.us>
Subject: RE: GAI assistance on ACP & MVP

Tom, your assistance on those aspects of the project has been critical for both Forests, so if Troy concurs, I’d like your involvement to continue.

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Subject: RE: GAI assistance on ACP & MVP

Jennifer - Your email about GAI assistance on ACP & MVP was sent GWJNF folks including me. Kent’s email was sent to MNF but not to me.

Tom Collins
Forest Geologist
Forest Service
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests
From: Adams, Jennifer - FS
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Collins, Thomas K -FS <tkcollins@fs.fed.us>; Bailey, Thomas -FS <thomasbailey@fs.fed.us>; Adams, Pauline - FS <paulineadams@fs.fed.us>; Croy, Carol H -FS <carolcroy@fs.fed.us>; Croy, Steve -FS <scroy@fs.fed.us>; Kirk, Dawn -FS <dkirk@fs.fed.us>; MacFarlane, Russ -FS <rmacfarlane@fs.fed.us>; Huber, Fred -FS <fhuber@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Morris, Troy - FS <troymorris@fs.fed.us>; Karriker, Kent S -FS <kkarriker@fs.fed.us>; Faught, Alex R -FS <afaught@fs.fed.us>
Subject: FW: GAI assistance on ACP & MVP
Importance: High

All:
1. Tom C., Tom B., Pauline: [b][5]
   [b][5]

Tom C., Tom B., Pauline: [b][5]

Pauline and Dawn: [b][5]
   I'll include both of you and then you can decide.

Steve, Carol, Fred, Dawn: As Kent has pointed out, at some point we will [b][5]

[b][5]
I’ll be in touch later about this.

**Russ:** I think you have fire/timber covered, but if you anticipate needing 3rd party help, let me know. We can add it if you want.

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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
To: Connolly, Stephanie -FS <sconnolly@fs.fed.us>; Owen, Michael D -FS <mdowen@fs.fed.us>; Johnson, Catherine M -FS <catherinejohnson@fs.fed.us>; Bailey, Whitney - FS <whitneybailey@fs.fed.us>; Coleman, Amy - FS <amycoleman@fs.fed.us>; Wilson, Will -FS <wwilson@fs.fed.us>; Cober, William J -FS <wcober@fs.fed.us>; Tolley, Tim -FS <ttolley@fs.fed.us>; Tanner, Cheryl L -FS <cltanner@fs.fed.us>  
Cc: Adams, Jennifer - FS <jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us>; Hess, Todd A -FS <tahess@fs.fed.us>; Piehler, Kirk G -FS <kpiehler@fs.fed.us>  
Subject: GAI assistance on ACP

Heads up.
Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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ACP FS Call with ACP for Contractor Update

Date and Time: January 27, 2017 @ 10:45am to 11:00am (Eastern)
Location: Conference Call

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Jennifer and Kent provided an update on their discussions with GAI Consultants. The Forest Service (FS)

Jennifer said she and Kent had a frank discussion with GAI about

Action: (b) (5), (b) (6)

Action: (b) (5)
From: Adams, Jennifer - FS [mailto:jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Karniker, Kent S -FS; Thompson, Clyde N -FS; Timm, Joby -FS
Cc: Faught, Alex R -FS
Subject: ACP--3rd party for soils, geotech eng., etc.

Clyde—FYI for your conversation today with Leslie.

Kent—Maybe early next week we could talk with GAI.

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Caring for the land and serving people
Biweekly Check-In
Date/Time: February 7, 2017 @ 1:00pm-2:00pm (Eastern)
Location: Conference Call

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1. Upcoming Coordination

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2. (b) (5)

3. Action Items, Data Needs, Filings and Reviews (see below)

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3rd Party Contracting

Date: March 31, 2017
Time: 11:00 – 11:30 am (Eastern)
Location: Conference Call

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Meeting Purpose: The meeting was called to talk about

Action Items

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