This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request #2019-FS-R8-04793-F of June 18, 2019. Your request was received in this office on June 20, 2019. In your letter you requested the following records:

- “Any and all documents and communication among the staff members of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest with each other and/or with Tim Abing (who is assigned from Region 8 to work on the Mountain Valley Pipeline project) or between those Forest Service personnel and representatives for the Mountain Valley Pipeline project, pertaining to any land exchange proposals including but not limited to that described in the following Item 7.01 of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Form 8-K Current Report, June 17, 2019 by Equitrans Midstream Corporation.”

A reasonable search was conducted by this office and the staff on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Your request and subsequent records were referred to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture for consultation on July 7, 2019 for a release determination. On October 2, 2019, the Office of the General Counsel approved this response.

Upon review of these records it has been determined that 44 pages are being released in full, 29 pages have been partially redacted in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), and the remaining 6 pages have been withheld in full in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

Exemptions

FOIA Exemption 4 of the FOIA protects “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential.” This exemption is intended to protect the interests of both the government and submitters of information. 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)(4).

FOIA 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.

Incorporated in Exemption 5 are three primary privileges:

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2. The attorney work-product privilege, and
3. The attorney-client privilege.

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Fees

For purposes of this FOIA request, we have determined that you fall into the category of an All Other requester. In accordance with 7 C.F.R. Subtitle A, Part 1, Subpart A, Appendix A, we are required to collect fees for search, and duplication of records. We made the discretionary decision to grant you a waiver of fees, therefore, no search, review or duplication costs are being assessed with this release.

Appeal Rights

This concludes the Forest Service 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 (2019-FS-R8-04793-F) assigned to your request.

If you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please 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:
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If you have questions regarding this FOIA request, you may contact Douglas Meloche at 404-347-4427 or at douglas.meloche@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

KEN ARNEY  
Regional Forester  

Enclosures  

cc: Sarah Kathmann, Douglas Meloche, Matthew Tilden
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Foster, Alton -FS <alton.foster@usda.gov>
Cc: Mcwhirter, Jay - OGC, Atlanta, GA <jay.mcwhirter@usda.gov>; Foster, Andrea - OGC, Atlanta, GA <andrea.foster@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: East TN Pipeline

(b)(5); Attorney Work Product Privilege; Attorney-Client Privilege
From: Kathmann, Sarah - OGC
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Henson, John <john.henson@sal.usdoj.gov>
Subject: East TN Pipeline

(b)(5): Attorney-Client Privilege
Todd is putting the full package in the mail to me. I requested two copies if he sends it hard copy so you can have one Peter. In the alternative, I asked he send it via a thumb drive so we could have the electronic versions posted on a shared internal site. I think he's doing hard copies though.

John and Sarah,

See attached letter which was submitted Friday. I can send the attachments to you but they are large so I did not want to clog up your inbox without your permission.

Alternatively, I can send hard copies this week.

Todd

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 4:46 PM
To: Normane, Todd; Sole, Michael; wendy.janssen@nps.gov; denise.nelson@nps.gov; mary.c.krueger@nps.gov; Henson, John; andrew.tittler@sol.doi.gov
Subject: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange
When: Friday, April 12, 2019 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 

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All,

I appreciate everyone taking the time for this discussion next week. I will have a brief agenda and some preliminary documents sent to everyone next week prior to the call.

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I made two briefing papers (in the same document) — one on the LEX and one on sedimentation analysis.

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Please let me know if you have any updates you want to do to this BP.\n
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Sarah, any chance you can get a copy of what was submitted from Todd Normane?
Greg/ Frank,

Attached are some briefing materials on the MVP LEX. I am providing these without the benefit of reviewing the actual LEX Package, but wanted to make sure you had something in hand in case of a quick need for a briefing while I’m in travel.

Here is what your now have:

1. BP on the LEX Proposal as we know it.
2. BP on the generalities of the Land Exchange Process
3. Three additional documents, from our Directives, about processing Land Exchanges

We can update as necessary when we actually have read their proposal, but this is accurate as we understand it now.

Thanks

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Hi Tim,

I just re-read this -- I apologize, I answered your first email too quickly and need to elaborate on my answer a bit. I should know better than to shoot off quick responses while I'm on travel; I'm always too distracted.

Sorry if I caused any confusion, let me know if you need anything more. I'm happy to hop on the phone if I just made things murkier. I'll be back in the office on Monday. Thanks!

On Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:52 PM Abing, Timothy -FS <timothy.abing@usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks Truda!
From: Stella, Truda [mailto:truda_stella@nps.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Abing, Timothy -FS <timothy.abing@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Authority Question

Hi Tim,

(b)(5): Deliberative Process Privilege

Hope that helps!

On Tue, May 14, 2019 at 3:06 PM Abing, Timothy -FS <timothy.abing@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Truda: Under a scenario where NPS has an easement for a National Scenic/Historic Trail across private land, does the Park Service have authority to grant ROW’s for utilities (i.e. a pipeline) across the easement?

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I will be on the call as well.

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To: Kathmann, Sarah - OGC, Atlanta, GA; Beum, Frank R -FS; Sporl, Christopher F -FS; Abing, Timothy -FS
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange

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From: Kathmann, Sarah - OGC, Atlanta, GA
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 12:57 PM
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Jim is going to listen in on the call as well.
From: Timm, Joby -FS  
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 8:50 AM  
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange  

Good Morning,

Wendy sent me this information yesterday. I plan to sit in on the call at 2:00 to learn more about this situation. –JOB
--------- Forwarded message---------

From: Normane, Todd <TNormane@equitransmidstream.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 3:45 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange
To: Sole, Michael <Michael.Sole@nexteraenergy.com>, wendy_janssen@nps.gov <wendy_janssen@nps.gov>, denise_nelson@nps.gov <denise_nelson@nps.gov>, mary_e_krueger@nps.gov <mary_e_krueger@nps.gov>, Henson, John <john.henson@sol.doi.gov>, andrew.tittler@sol.doi.gov <andrew.tittler@sol.doi.gov>

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Subject: Draft MVP Land Exchange BP

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As usual, the trick is to get everything on a single page...but I do think we need to include a map of some sort.

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Wednesday works for me...prefer after 9:15 am EST.

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My Wednesday calendar will work – same as Peter...prefer nothing after 3pm. Thanks!

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I turn into a pumpkin at 3:00

Hello,

I got a note from Wendy Janssen requesting a follow-up call in regards to the call we had a few weeks ago about land exchange. Would Wednesday afternoon work for anyone? Or perhaps Thursday? -JOB
Hello,

Either Friday will work for me right now. We may also want to get Sarah Kathmann and Peter Gaulke on the invite. Thanks. -JOB

From: Abing, Timothy -FS
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Krueger, Mary <mary_c.krueger@nps.gov>; Timm, Joby -FS <joby.timm@usda.gov>
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Subject: RE: FS and NPS MVP Land Exchange Meeting

Hey Mary...either of the Fridays will work for me.

Other Forest Service people to invite to a land exchange discussion would include Jim Twaroski, Al Foster, and Alex Faught.

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Tim and Joby,

We’d like to schedule a joint Forest Service - Park Service meeting to discuss the MVP Land Exchange proposal. Wendy was going to try to schedule this, but her schedule has been really tight so I’m taking the baton as it were.

I will put together a doodle poll to find an exact time, but first wanted to find out your general availability for a meeting tomorrow (Fri May 3) afternoon (2pm or later), or next Friday, May 10th (2pm or later). I know this isn’t the greatest day or time, but as I said, Wendy’s schedule is pretty crazy. I’m guessing your schedules are too.

If these time frames might work, can you send me names and email addresses for anyone else from the FS you want to attend? I think it would save you work for me to send a doodle poll and / or invite.

Please let me know if any of this is a possibility.

Thanks,
Mary

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Hello Mr. Abing. Hope all is well!

Nothing rings my bell, but I seem to be forgetting everything lately. I will ask some of the “older” folks just in case.

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Subject: RE: LEX Process BP

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Hi all —

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— Frank

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Something for you Eastern time zoners to look at with your morning coffee before I get to the office.

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Updated MVP LEX BP for review.

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Subject: Re: Secretary Briefing on Mountain Valley Pipeline

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From: Taylor, Suzanne N -FS  
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 8:22:21 AM  
To: Abing, Timothy -FS  
Subject: Secretary Briefing on Mountain Valley Pipeline

Hi Tim – Greg Smith asked me to prepare a BP for his briefing with Secretary Perdue tomorrow at 9 am ET. I have not been involved with the MVP issues, except for conversations with the OGC attorney, Sarah Kathmann, and the District Ranger, Dan McKeague, and just read the 4th Circuit case for the first time today.

That being said, I drafted the attached BP and would appreciate any other options you may have in mind for this project.

Thanks -

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Hey everyone,

Just a reminder about tomorrow's call, and the proposed agenda I promised.

Proposed Agenda:

- What is the proposal: easement exchange or land exchange?
- Land exchange mechanics
- Prior projects
- Assessment of the proposal:
  - Forest Service
  - NPS
- Questions to be answered
- Next steps

Please let me know if you have any edits or additions. Talk with everyone tomorrow.

Thanks,
Mary

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I had a few minor changes.

THANK YOU LAUREN for being able to make the call on such short notice.
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I am not research past land exchanges. That would be Tim Abing. I volunteered to take the USFS lead of developing briefing materials for this potential action of a land exchange.

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THANK YOU LAUREN for being able to make the call on such short notice.
Hi All –

We have prepared a set of draft notes from last Friday’s call with NPS. We tried to keep them brief and objective. Please provide any edits you have by 5/25. Once we have incorporated your edits we will send them out to the rest of the attendees and add them to the project record.

Thanks,

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Fyi: Some feedback from NPS about ROW Permits vs. Land Exchange

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Authority Question

Hi Tim,

I just re-read this -- I apologize. I answered your first email too quickly and need to elaborate on my answer a bit. I should know better than to shoot off quick responses while I'm on travel; I'm always too distracted.
Sorry if I caused any confusion, let me know if you need anything more. I'm happy to hop on the phone if I just made things murkier. I'll be back in the office on Monday. Thanks!

On Wed, May 15, 2019 at 1:52 PM Abing, Timothy -FS <timothy.abling@usda.gov> wrote:

Thanks Truda!

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Hi Tim,

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Hope that helps!

On Tue, May 14, 2019 at 3:06 PM Abing, Timothy -FS <timothy.abling@usda.gov> wrote:
Hi Truda: Under a scenario where NPS has an easement for a National Scenic/Historic Trail across private land, does the Park Service have authority to grant ROW’s for utilities (i.e. a pipeline) across the easement?

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Peter –

Here is the information I have on the call, which was on Friday, April 12. Scroll down for list of invitees. From this, the FS was invited by NPS to join the call MVP set up with them to discuss their proposal. I would characterize the call as being set up by MVP (Equitrans Midstream) for a conversation with NPS and DOI Solicitors on their proposed LEX. NPS invited FS and OGC to join the call.

By the way, Michael Sole of NextEra Energy was invited to this call. Pretty sure he was on. He was part of the MVP delegation who spoke with the Secretary yesterday.

— Frank

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange

Good Morning,
Wendy sent me this information yesterday. I plan to sit in on the call at 2:00 to learn more about this situation. —JOB

From: Janssen, Wendy [mailto:wendy.janssen@nps.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Abing, Timothy -FS <ttabing@fs.fed.us>; Timm, Joby -FS <jtimm@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] RE: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange
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All,

Attached is a brief presentation in PDF format for our discussion Friday.

The requested agenda for the call is:

1. Introductions
2. Acquisition of the “Price Property”
3. Land Exchange Consideration
4. Next Steps
If there are any other topics that NPS would like to address, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Todd

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Subject: Appalachian Trail - Land Exchange
When: Friday, April 12, 2019 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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All,

I appreciate everyone taking the time for this discussion next week. I will have a brief agenda and some preliminary documents sent to everyone next week prior to the call.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Todd

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Peter,

Please take a look and advise of changes you think would be appropriate. I’m in the office today if us talking is needed.

Thanks!

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Subject: Draft Briefing Paper for Land Exchanges

Peter Gaulke wanted to have a BP describing the LEX process and outlining the authorities we have for these landownership adjustment actions.

Attached is my first draft and some attachments I would also furnish Peter. You guys see anything here that could be improved?

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Todd is putting the full package in the mail to me. I requested two copies if he sends it hard copy so you can have one Peter. In the alternative, I asked he send it via a thumb drive so we could have the electronic versions posted on a shared internal site. I think he's doing hard copies though.

John and Sarah,

See attached letter which was submitted Friday. I can send the attachments to you but they are large so I did not want to clog up your inbox without your permission.

Alternatively, I can send hard copies this week.

Todd

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I asked Al Foster if he had a pamphlet or something he gave to people when they want to engage in a land exchange. He said he did give them something, but it was essentially the pertinent snips out of the manuals and handbooks. I'm fried right now so I'm stepping away from the computer — let me know if you need me back for anything or else I might be calling it a day now.
I called and left a voice message with Jim Martin at FERC, so no word yet as to what FERC knows.

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— Frank

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Frank / Greg,

We learned this morning that MVP Submitted to the Secretaries of DOI & USDA and land exchange proposal.
Should have these to you all tomorrow.

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Updated MVP LEX BP for review.

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Sarah / Tim,

Please let me know if you have any updates you want to do to this BP.

We’ll need to update it to say that a proposal was submitted.

Sarah, any chance you can get a copy of what was submitted from Todd Normane?
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