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*Via E-Mail and Overnight FedEx*

Laura Bell  
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Michelle Piland  
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**Re: FOIA Request**

Dear Ms. Bell and Ms. Piland:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, and the Department of the Interior's ("DOI") FOIA regulations at 43 C.F.R. Part 2, which govern the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), I am writing on behalf of Silver State Land, LLC ("Silver State") to request all records of any written or oral communications to or from the BLM Headquarters Office or the BLM Nevada State Office, or any official, agent or representative of the aforementioned offices (including releasable correspondence between the Headquarters and State Offices), regarding BLM's sale of a 480 acre parcel of public land located in Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, T. 23 S., R. 61 E section 21, N ½ and section 22, NW ¼, the acceptance of Silver State's bid for this parcel, and the subsequent failure of BLM to deliver patent issued to Silver State for this parcel.

Silver State is seeking all records to this request from **November 1, 2012 to the date of BLM's response to this request.** For purposes of this FOIA request, "all records" encompass:

(i) any written, printed, or typed material of any kind, including without limitation to all correspondence, memoranda, notes, meeting minutes, emails from or to official or personal e-mail accounts, spreadsheets, reports, calendars; (ii) any electronically, magnetically, or mechanically stored records, such as materials stored on a compact disk, digital video disk, microfiche, regardless of form; (iii) any audio, visual, aural, or video records, including but not limited to photographs, videotapes, microfilm; and (iv) any other records preserved by any other means for documenting thought or expression.

Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 2.12, a response to this FOIA request is due within twenty (20) business days. In the event that any of the requested records cannot be disclosed in their entirety, Silver State requests that you release any material that can be reasonably segregated. Should any documents or portions of documents be withheld, Silver State further requests that BLM state with specificity the description of the document to be withheld and the legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions thereof.

Silver State agrees to pay all reasonable fees incurred for search, duplication, and review up to \$1,000 in responding to this request. If the costs of responding to this request should exceed \$1,000, please contact the undersigned.

Silver State seeks prompt and timely compliance with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202) 654-6251 should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul B. Smyth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul B. Smyth