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Via E-Mail and Overnight FedEx

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Re: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Evans and Ms. Washington:

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, 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 DOI's Office of Inspector General ("IG"), or any agent, official or representative of the IG's office, regarding: (i) 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; (ii) the acceptance of Silver State's bid for this parcel; (iii) the subsequent failure of the BLM to deliver the patent issued to Silver State for this parcel; and (iv) any investigation initiated by the IG regarding the sale or transfer of this parcel, including cancellation of the proposed patent for this parcel.

Silver State is seeking all records to this request from **November 1, 2012 to the date of DOI'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 DOI 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,

/s/ Paul B. Smyth

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