



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Mr. Geist:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 30, 2010, and your email of November 11, 2010 for: *"An electronic copy of records concerning the use of Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) genotyping technology to investigate introgression of cattle genes in American bison herds."*

In the spirit of disclosure that you mentioned citing the President and the Attorney General and in accordance with 43 CFR 2, we have conducted a thorough search of our files and we have assembled the correspondence documents (all which were email) associated with NPS collaboration with the University of Missouri for the recent genetic sampling of bison. These documents are attached in chronological order.

Regarding scientific results of the sampling, the molecular genetics data and findings belong to the University of Missouri scientist conducting the research, and as such, are not agency records. We anticipate that this information should soon be published in the scientific literature.

Thank you for your continued interest in bison genetics and conservation. If you have any further questions regarding this FOIA request, please contact at Glen Plumb, NPS Chief Wildlife Biologist, glenn_plumb@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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