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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Great Plains Regional Office
115 Fourth Avenue S.E., Suite 400
Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Executive Direction
FOIA # BIA-2016-02020

September 28, 21016

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED – 7016 0600 0000 1971 3414

Mr. John Greenewald
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in regards to your Freedom of Information (FOIA) Act request dated September 14, 2016, which was assigned FOIA control number BIA-2016-02020. You request the following:

“I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, pertaining to the dispute over the discovery in 1990, of the fossilized remains of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, in the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in western South Dakota near the city of Faith.”

We are writing today to tell you that the estimated cost of processing your request is considerably more than the \$15.00 that you have agreed to pay. Our best estimate of the cost of processing the records responsive to your request is \$510.00, which includes our estimated costs for duplication.

Under the circumstances, you may:

- Provide us with an advance payment, for the reasons discussed below;
- Ask us to process your request up to the amount you have already agreed to pay \$15.00 (or some additional amount that is lower than our estimate of \$510.00 for the processing of your request);
- Reduce the scope of your request, so as to limit the amount of time and/or duplication that would be required to process your request, such that your fee does not exceed the amount that you have agreed to pay; or
- Withdraw your request.

We estimate that your processing fees will exceed \$250 and our records demonstrate that you have never made a FOIA request to the Department requiring the payment of fees. You therefore must either:

- Demonstrate that you have made a FOIA request to the Department requiring the payment of fees; or
- Pay the estimated fee for your request, a total of \$510.00, as discussed above.

Please note that:

- We will continue work on your request only after you have provided the demonstration or amount noted above. If we do not receive your advance payment within 20 workdays after the date of this letter, we will presume that you are no longer interested and will close the file on your request.
- You may reduce the estimated fee by modifying your request to reduce its scope within 20 workdays after the date of this letter.
- If you pay the estimated fee but the actual fee turns out to be lower than estimated, we will send you a partial refund.

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA, please contact Anne-Marie Tso, Regional FOIA Coordinator at (605) 226-7343.

Sincerely,


ACTING Regional Director