## Good Morning Ms. Barlow,

It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning regarding your request. As per our conversation, I am currently routing your final response through the Regional Office to be sent to the SOL's Office, however, I have three documents that have been deemed clearly releasable that I can send to you later today or tomorrow with a signed letter by the program. I've already spoken with the Deputy Assistant Regional Director about signing the letter to send you the fully releasable documents and he has agreed to sign it either today or tomorrow. There is still one document that I will continue to route through the RO and to the SOL's Office for review. Thanks and please look forward to receiving a partial response either today or tomorrow.

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From: Connie Barlow <<u>conniebarlow52@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 8:25 AM To: Tiffany McClurkin <<u>foiar4@fws.gov</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] FWS-2018-00613 FOIA - need results by Wed

Ms. McClurkin:

The journalist writing an article on our group, Torreya Guardians, cannot delay her interview with me any longer. On Wednesday morning this week she will interview me by phone.

Please let your superiors know that at least some basic results will be appreciated so that I can speak while somewhat informed. Remember, the original deadline for this "complex" FOIA passed two weeks ago.

I imagine all of the staff are overburdened with too much work. But anything you can provide me with will at least be a start toward full compliance and thus evidence of collaborative good will, and I will be grateful.

Connie Barlow Founder of Torreya Guardians Begin forwarded message:

From: Connie Barlow <<u>conniebarlow52@gmail.com</u>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] FWS-2018-00613 FOIA - expecting results Date: July 19, 2018 at 2:48:07 PM EDT To: Tiffany McClurkin <<u>foiar4@fws.gov</u>>

RE: FWS-2018-00613 FOIA of 27 March 2018 - Torreya taxifolia

Ms. McClurkin:

We had an email exchange on July 6 where we agreed to add 2 weeks onto the original 60-work-day due date for my receipt of the FOIA response. Tomorrow, July 19, will be two weeks.

**I have two journalists wanting me to make some comments**, and I need to see the FOIA results before I do so. One is writing a book with just one chapter on Torreya Guardians, so he has no trouble with some delay.

The other is a journalist writing about our group for Earth Island Journal, and her deadline for submitting her article to the editor is end of July.

So, please send me whatever you can as soon as possible. And then let me know the character of what (if anything) is still awaiting a final signature and when it will be coming my way. I, of course, know that you personally have no control over that happening. But maybe you can nudge him or her that the information is crucial for my responding to a journalist right away.

Thank you for helping me respond to an urgent journalist query. The Earth Island Journal writer contacted me July 17. Her name and email is **Sam Schipani** <<u>samantha.schipani@gmail.com</u>>

Sincerely, Connie Barlow, Founder of Torreya Guardians 850-420-8002