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*Government Scientists Report on Scientific
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Dear Gretchen Goldman,

Researchers at the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) are conducting a survey with over 4,000 science professionals working for the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). With your help, we hope to better understand the role of science at the FWS and the contributions of FWS scientists. The survey is part of a broad effort to examine how public agencies conduct and use science in decision-making and builds on past UCS surveys of federal scientists.

Here is a link to the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8u_2fWY4r_2bHbdwytU41vUZcg_3d_3d

This survey is an opportunity for the voice of FWS scientists and other experts to be heard. Please complete the survey on your personal time, no later than February 23, 2015. It should take about 15 minutes.

We understand that confidentiality and data security are of the utmost importance in this study. Any connection between your personal information and your survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will be destroyed before survey results are made public.

Your participation in this project is voluntary, and you may decline to answer any questions you choose. However, your participation is extremely important since a high response rate is essential to high quality data.

For nearly a decade, UCS has conducted surveys of scientist at federal agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. To view the results of this survey or previous UCS surveys, see www.ucssusa.org/surveys

Thank you in advance for your important and highly valued contribution to this research. If you have any questions about the survey, please call 202-331-6942 or email ScientistSurvey@ucssusa.org.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Goldman, Ph.D.
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Center for Science and Democracy
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If you would like to opt out of this or future surveys, please hit this link below.

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UCS FWS L1

Dear Gretchen Goldman,

On February 12, 2015 you received an email message inviting you to take a survey regarding your experience with science at the FWS. In our world of internet distrust, I wanted to provide some additional context for the survey. The survey is part of a broad effort by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) to examine how public agencies conduct and use science in decision-making.

For nearly a decade, UCS—a 501(c)3 nonprofit that works on a variety of science policy issues—has conducted surveys of scientists at federal agencies, including the FDA, FWS, and NOAA. To learn more about the goal of this survey or previous surveys, please see my blog post from last week here: <http://blog.ucsusa.org/why-does-ucs-survey-government-scientists-789>. If you are reluctant to click links, you can navigate here from the Union of Concerned Scientists homepage.

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Please join over 800 FWS employees who have already participated and complete the survey on your personal time, no later than February 23, 2015. It should take about 15 minutes.

You were chosen to participate in this survey because your office and/or job title indicated your work deals with science in some capacity. Your participation in this project is voluntary, and you may decline to answer any questions you choose. However, your participation is extremely important since a high response rate is essential to high quality data.

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