

# **Summary: FWS Employee Sold Stolen Refuge Material for Personal Gain**

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The OIG investigated allegations that a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) employee working at a refuge stole copper wiring and a bulldozer.

We found that the employee removed copper from the former military facilities at the refuge and sold it for less than \$5,000 during the last 10 years. We did not find evidence that the employee converted a Government-owned bulldozer for personal use or financial gain.

We presented our interim findings to the FWS, and the employee was subsequently removed from Federal service. The U.S. Attorney's Office declined prosecution.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary, exercising the delegated authority of the FWS Director.

