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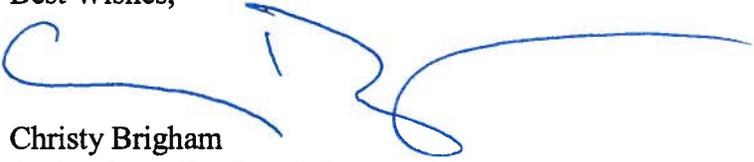
Lisa Soghor  
Chief of Developed Resources  
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Dear Ms. Soghor,

Cooperative Agreement #J8548090033 between Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is focused on joint planning projects throughout the Recreation Area. Monies from this agreement have been and continue to be allocated to the mountains-wide Trail Management Plan as well as other joint planning activities.

As part of the work under this joint planning agreement, NPS would like to conduct staff training and strategic planning exercises for work throughout the mountains, including work done with partners such as MRCA, SMMC, MRT, and California State Parks. This work would encompass a vision for work within the Recreation Area and provide emphasis areas for planning and implementation over the next five to ten years. You have already received a cost proposal from Joshua Leavitt and his team for doing this work. We have also reviewed this proposal and find it to be in line with the original intent of this task agreement and to fulfill many of the park's planning goals as identified by the management team and recent workshops held with staff. We hope you will consider funding this proposal and working with us on these mountains-wide and region-wide strategic planning efforts as part of our cooperative joint efforts on parkwide planning under this task agreement.

Best Wishes,



Christy Brigham  
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