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Memorandum

To: Elena Gonzalez, Director, Office of Dispute Resolution and Collaborative Action,
Department of the Interior, Washington DC

From: John Hamill, Executive Coordinator, California Desert Management Project, Department
of the Interior, Barstow, CA

Subject: Collaborative Management Training for the Desert Managers Group (DMG)

On behalf of the Desert Managers Group, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your support and generous financial contribution to the Collaborative Management Workshop on June 12-13, 2002 in Ventura, California. The workshop energized the group, stimulated a high level of collaboration, and clarified the role of the DMG in leading recovery efforts for the threatened desert tortoise. Without your financial assistance, many of the Managers could not have afforded to attend. I would highly recommend this workshop and the instructors, Todd Jones and Mickey Benson, to other collaborative management groups.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

cc Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior,
Washington DC
Desert Managers Group