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Russ Kleinman Western New Mexico University 25 Oxbow Silver City, NM 88061

Dear Mr. Kleinman:

From October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2017, this letter authorizes you and your associates to:

- 1. Collect moss from suitable habitats within the Gila National Forest (and portions of the Apache National Forest administered by the Gila National Forest).
- 2. Conduct Plant Taxonomy class field trips into the Forest lands and allow students to collect moss as detailed below under your direct supervision. The field trips are further defined as one-half day trips, and are for classification of plants. You have agreed to the following:
 - Not collect federally or state listed plant species. You are well versed in identification of these species
 - Report any occurrences of noxious weeds found during your visits
 - No use of any mechanical equipment for collections in wilderness
 - Limit your collections of each moss site to less than 3 square inches of removal

I appreciate your interest in the flora of the Forest.

Sincerely,

ADAM MENDONCA

Forest Supervisor

