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Mark Angelos
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Torrance, California 90503

Dear Mr. Angelos:

Thank you for contacting the Bureau of Land Management about your proposal to perform aquatic invertebrate sampling on public lands in Whitewater Canyon. This letter will serve as authorization to collect freshwater ostracods from the Whitewater River on public lands in Riverside County, located in Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Section 27 (SBBM). This location is downstream of the Whitewater Trout Farm and north of the community of Bonnie Bell (see attached map). This authorization is subject to the terms and conditions of permits required by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The purpose of the California freshwater ostracod survey is to assemble a voucher collection of California non-marine ostracods, investigate the factors influencing ostracod community composition, and investigate the habitat range of individual ostracod species.

Ostracods will be collected with nets and grabs from various aquatic microhabitats including vegetation, open water, and substrate. Ostracods will be preserved in alcohol and brought back to the lab for identification. The final collection will be deposited at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd, Los Angeles, California, 90007. Field work will be performed in 2005 and 2006. The following stipulations will apply:

- Access to the Whitewater River will be on foot.
- No off-highway vehicle travel is authorized.
- The Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office will be notified in writing or by e-mail of the specific dates of collecting at least one week prior to field work.
- Collecting of other species or specimens not listed in the proposal is not authorized.
- A copy of this authorization letter must be in the possession of the field investigator on-site.

We would appreciate a copy of the research abstract or other published papers or reports. If you have any other questions about this authorization, please contact Elena Misquez, Associate Field Manager, at (760) 251-4810.

Sincerely,

Gail Acheson
Field Manager