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Dear Mr. Tanaka:

We are pleased to inform you that our cooperative partnership regarding training and certification of Technical Service Providers (TSPs) in the Range Management area over the past five years has proven very productive. Rather than continuing the memorandum of understanding process to sustain our partnership, we are solidifying our desire to continue our work via this letter.

Our national TSP Certification Process recognizes The Society for Range Management (SRM) as a Recommending Organization for Animal Trails and Walkways, Brush Management, Fence, Firebreak, Forage Harvest Management, Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment, Heavy Use Area Protection, Nutrient Management, Pasture and Hay Planting, Pest Management, Prescribed Burning, Prescribed Grazing, Range Planting and Use Exclusion practices through its Certified Range Management Consultant program. If something changes in your ability to continue to offer this training and certification, please advise us. Otherwise, this letter serves to document our cooperative partnership that offers mutual benefit to both our organizations.

We will continue to interact with you as the SRM Technical contact for all matters related to training and certification. Likewise, contact my staff or me regarding TSP certification matters. I look forward to our continued mutual cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (202) 720-6731.

Sincerely,

ANGEL FIGUEROA National TSP Team Leader

cc: William Puckett, Deputy Chief for Science and Technology, NRCS, Washington, D.C. Virginia Murphy, Associate Deputy Chief for Science and Technology, NRCS, Washington, D.C.

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