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Dear Mr. Mikus:

The Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Team was formed in 1975 to develop guidance for recovery of the endangered Sonoran pronghorn. Team efforts produced the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan that the Service signed on December 30, 1982. Since then, the Recovery Team has met infrequently to review the Recovery Plan and assess its implementation.

The Service believes the Recovery Team has achieved the goals for which it was founded. The responsibility now rests with the Service to implement the Recovery Plan. After discussions with Team Leader Richard Remington, it has been decided to disband the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Team. The Recovery Team has met a difficult charge and the pronghorn is better off because of your efforts. Clearly, there is still a long way to go before recovery is complete, but at least the first logical steps are being taken and the direction for recovery is clearly before us.

The Recovery Team members are to be congratulated for pulling together agencies and individuals towards a common goal of recovery. I want to thank you personally for your efforts and pledge to you that the Service will continue to work towards recovery of the Sonoran pronghorn.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael J. Spear

Regional Director

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