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Robin Rierdan, Executive Director
Lakeside River Park Conservancy
10354 Channel Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

Dear Robin,

Thank you and the Lakeside River Park Conservancy's donation of \$35,000 towards the effort to preserve El Monte Valley. Protection of this Valley as part of the San Diego River watershed which originates in the Cleveland National Forest is vital to the health of the regional ecosystem.

CNFF has sent all the \$35,000 contribution to Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger to be deposited into our specific account for legal costs associated with the El Monte Sand Mining project. We will keep you apprized of the use of these funds as well as the work they are performing.

The founder of our forest system, Theodore Roosevelt, a true visionary, said in 1912 that "There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country." In the current era of global climate change, imagine where we would be without our national forests and all the connected pieces of open space and wilderness in our region!

We value your trust and support of the Cleveland National Forest Foundation. The fight to stop this mining project may take many months or years so it is important that we keep the relationship between our organizations clear and effective. Please feel free contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Jack Shu
President
Cleveland National Forest Foundation

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