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Native Plant Society of New Mexico
PO Box 35388
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Attn: Renee West

Dear Ms. West,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and more than 17,000 students who participate in hands-on science through Asombro programs each year, I would like to thank you and the other members of the Board of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico for the generous \$1,000 grant.

We are very proud of our new carbon cycle and photosynthesis lesson for middle school students. We have seen how well this program worked this school year in helping students understand the important role of plants in the carbon cycle. Using local plants like creosote bush helps students relate these often-difficult topics to their own backyard. Thanks to your society's generosity, 20 more classrooms of students will get to use this lesson in the fall 2013 semester.

When we give these programs, we will be sure to let principals, teachers, and students know that the Native Plant Society of New Mexico provided this opportunity for them. I look forward to reporting back to NPSNM at the end of 2013 to give you more details on how the money was spent.

Until then, please know how much we appreciate your generosity and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bestelmeyer, Ph.D.
Executive Director