

Renée West and the Native Plant Society of New Mexico,

I wish to express my deep gratitude and thanks to the Society for generously funding my research: *Investigating the Phylogenetic and Biogeographic Relationships of Spiranthes magnicamporum (Orchidaceae) in New Mexico*. Your financial support will make the collection and study of this beautiful and interesting species possible.

It will be a pleasure to collect these important and unusual populations; I anticipate they will yield much insight into the phylogenetic and biogeographic relationships of this species. I have encountered *S. magnicamporum* throughout the upper Midwest and it will be a treat to study these beautiful plants in a new setting. I also look forward to working with local conversationalists and park officials to collect these plants and apply my findings to their conservation. I will submit my findings to you by the appointed date.

Thank you,

Matthew Pace

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