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Mr. Jack Reveal
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Dear Mr. Reveal:

I haven't been able to reach you by phone, and I'm going to be out of town myself for much of August, so I am writing you to inquire whether you would be interested in undertaking an ecological survey of the Cuyamaca cypress stand. It is being considered for Research Natural Area (RNA) status, and it is part of my job as a member of the RNA working group to line up people to do these surveys. The going rate is \$650, and payment is made when the report is turned over to us. We haven't been putting due dates on these agreements, but most of the reports have been completed within a year or less. Your status as a Forest Service retiree shouldn't cause any difficulties, though we will have to file a short justification statement citing your knowledge of the region and its flora, your forestry background, and your botanical expertise.

The nature of the ecological surveys has depended very much on the talents and interests of the people doing them, but they have all provided us with a pretty fair picture of the candidate areas. I will send you a few samples if you are interested in doing Cuyamaca. In this instance the cypress itself, rather than a vegetation type or mosaic, is of primary interest, and a good deal of attention to the fire history of the area and its impact on the species will be unavoidable. In other words, this will be more autecological and most of the others are more synecological (if these terms are still used by contemporary ecologists), with emphasis on the species rather than on the vegetation. However, what you do and how you do it will be entirely up to you. I think that management considerations will unavoidably intrude, and this makes your background particularly appropriate.

Let me know if you are interested. I just lined up Paul Zedler to do the Guatay cypress area.

Sincerely,

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