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Message of Thanks and Appreciation from the SNAMP Fisher Project:

I'd like to extend my personal and humble thanks to each and every one of you (individuals and groups) for taking the time and effort to respond to our request for donations of used socks to aid our research on the Pacific Fisher in California. The "Sock Drive" has succeeded so far beyond the original modest expectations I had of generating a few bags of socks to help save much needed funds to continue this important research as part of the Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project. I'd also like for all of you to know that the socks have already been put to good use (*and will continue to be used over the next two years*), including by contributing some of the surplus to other researchers conducting similar research on Pacific fishers nearby in California. The exceptionally generous response we received means that we won't have to spend any more of our limited research money on socks again, thereby saving funds (and time) for other project supplies and needs!

On another more personal note, it has been extremely gratifying to me as a scientist who has dedicated over 25 years of his career to conservation-oriented research that so many you expressed true interest and appreciation for the kind of research we are conducting. It is absolutely true that the research we are doing is providing much needed information on how many fishers are left in this part of their range in the Sierra Nevada, California. Without the kinds of data we are collecting (*very importantly aided by the socks you contributed*), we won't be able to understand how likely it is that these animals will remain an important component of the native wildlife communities inhabiting our National Forest ecosystems in western North America. Resource managers in this area are counting on our project to provide critical new information to help guide forest management for the future.

Thanks again to all of you for the help you provided towards the research we are doing as part of the Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Fisher Project!

Sincerely,

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