



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT

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Ajo, Arizona 85321



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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February 1, 2008

[REDACTED]  
Berkeley, California 94720-3710

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Greetings from Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. Thank you for submitting your research proposal, "Obsidian source provenance study: Search and discovery of AZ Unknown A in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument" After review of the materials you provided, I grant approval for your project in Organ Pipe Cactus, contingent on the conditions of the enclosed research/collection permit, and the enclosed general permit stipulations. Please review these documents, then **sign one copy of the permit and return it to the monument**. Retain the second copy, and if you have any assistants identified on the permit, please make them each a copy of this permit and the enclosed stipulations. When at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument doing field work, be sure you have the permit in your possession. Also as a reminder, all research findings must be reported to the monument.

Please review the "General Conditions" also enclosed. In particular, please note the importance of contacting the monument prior to any research visits, preferably seven days before a visit. This allows the Resource Management Division to notify other monument staff of your activities, as appropriate. Also, this will help you become aware of any logistical constraints that may affect your planned visit. For example, construction projects, road conditions, and other factors have caused some monument roads to be closed intermittently. By contacting the monument early we may also be able to provide staff to accompany you for technical assistance, for their own exposure to your research, or to make monument information resources available to you. Finally, enclosed are several "Researcher" identification signs; these are to place one on your dashboard when you are in the field doing research, to help our Park Rangers, Border Patrol, and others recognize your vehicle.

As you may be aware, border-related safety concerns continue in Organ Pipe Cactus NM. Most activities are illegal immigration and drug smuggling, which result in public safety concerns and damage to natural resources. Because of these conditions, we cannot guarantee your personal safety while working in the monument. When working in the monument, researchers are solely responsible for their safety and the security of their equipment. Again, please carefully review the "Specific Conditions" on the second page of your permit and be aware that you must accept these conditions for your permit to be valid. To aid in improving your personal security while

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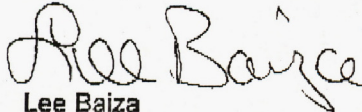


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working in the monument, we recommend the following: 1. Keep aware of your surroundings at all times and avoid any person(s) except those in uniform (e.g. National Park Service or Border Patrol) or those who are obviously monument visitors; 2. Always secure your vehicle, keeping valuables, water, and food from view, and; 3. Do not work alone. We recommend always taking an assistant with you.

We are pleased to have you doing research at Organ Pipe Cactus. If you have any questions, please contact Research/Endangered Species Coordinator [REDACTED], (or [REDACTED]). Again, thank you for your interest in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

Sincerely,



Lee Baiza  
Superintendent

Encl.

cc: Research Coordinator, ORPI (w/ copy of permit only)

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