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Ms. Kathleen Goddard-Jones  
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Dear Kathleen:

Thanks very much for your recent letter and related materials regarding Black Lake Canyon. Unfortunately, I have been so immersed in three other large projects -- Ash Meadows, Santa Rosa Plateau and Thousand Palms Oasis -- that I am unable to give sufficient attention right now to Black Lake Canyon. I have, however, asked Jennifer Johnson, who works with me in the protection program, to go through the materials and prepare a proposed course of action.

I am both happy and sad to hear about your possible move to Carmel Highlands. Happy because I know you will enjoy it there very much but, sad, of course, because you will be sorely missed at the Dunes. Nonetheless, as I'm sure you well know, in every campaign the torch must eventually be passed. You have been an extraordinary presence, one that certainly cannot be replaced. But be assured that others, stimulated by your enthusiasm, dedication and patience, will carry on the work.

As always, I hope to get down your way soon.

Sincerely,



Steve McCormick  
California Field Representative

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P.S. Almost forgot to mention Guadalupe Dunes. Things continue at an agonizingly slow pace. Changes in staff at the Coastal Commission, resistance over certain issues by Union Oil have delayed conveyance of the easement. It will eventually happen, I assure you. I'll let you know when it does.

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