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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is my 2015 annual report for Scientific Permit 1778. Because of grant responsibilities elsewhere, no collecting or handling species in New Mexico is conveyed on the annual report form. A decision will be made soon if I will be requesting a continuation of my research activities in New Mexico. West Texas and New Mexico share a common border and many vertebrate species, so many scientific investigations comparing systematic, ecological, biogeographic, and other aspects of those species logically include working in sections of both states. The information attained from those studies benefits science in general and species welfare in particular. I have graduate students who desire to work in New Mexico, some in collaboration with New Mexico researchers and field station personnel. The required hunting licence for the permittee and subpermittees seems unusual for scientific studies. In any case, thank you for permitting us in the past to investigate amphibians and reptiles in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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