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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Jeff Martinez
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Dear Mr. Martinez,

Saguaro National Park thanks you for your excellent performance on the Picture Rocks Safety Improvement Project in the early spring of 2014. In partnership with Pima County DOT, Federal Highways, and Stormwater Plans LLC, the project improved sight lines, shoulder widths, signage, visibility, road warning (rumble strips), pullout safety, and public recreation and access without sacrificing resource stewardship and protection. All of the work was completed within budget and the time frame allotted. You have met and exceeded my expectations.

Working in a National Park can provide some serious challenges given the extra attention required to preserve and protect resources as construction plans are implemented. Not only did you and your company meet resource mitigation requirements, I was especially pleased to see your staff engage and take the extra step to ensure that resources would be affected as little as possible as you proceeded with construction. For example, I watched your crew pull back the vegetation to scree concrete along the Cactus Forest Loop corner. Art Cordova's effort was a phenomenal example of how construction can afford maximum resource protection when he hand moved rip rap rock around sensitive vegetation under your direction. He and you are both credits to your organization. I was especially pleased to observe your team, under your leadership, fix issues before they became long lasting problems. You and your staff were fully engaged and invested in this project from the preconstruction meeting through the final work acceptance inspection

Your construction and road work experience and organizational skills really made a difference in how quickly we were able to re-open Picture Rocks Road, and juggle the demanding needs from commuters and the visiting public alike. Please feel free to use me as a reference for road construction in the NPS or abroad. Thank you for your excellent work, dedication, and for your support of Saguaro National Park.

Sincerely,

Brad Shattuck
Chief of Maintenance