Dear Workshop Participant,

Thank you for your interest in the *Planting the Seed for Citizen Science: Climate Change and Phenology Workshop for Educators and Scientists in Southern California* to be held on October 1, 2009 at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) in Thousand Oaks, California. This workshop is brought to you in partnership by the University of California – Santa Barbara (UCSB) Phenology Stewardship Program, the National Park Service, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Be prepared for informative lectures, fun interactive activities, and a glimpse of the Santa Monica Mountains! The UCSB Phenology Stewardship Program has put together an agenda that covers everything from the basics of botany to phenology monitoring and how it relates to climate change! Some of the topics and activities throughout the day include:

- **Phenology Concepts** – What is phenology? What is its relationship to climate change? How are phenology data being collected nationally?
- **Phenology Monitoring in Practice** – What does it take to start a phenology monitoring program? What are some local examples?
- **Hands on Activities and Activity Development** – How do I monitor an individual plant or a population of a given species? How can I monitor plant phenology in my area?

The workshop sessions will be held at the SMMNRA National Park Service Headquarters and Visitor Center from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Registration and a light breakfast of bagels and fruit will take place from 8:15 am – 9:00 am. Lunch and drinks will be provided. An optional session to allow for additional plant monitoring instruction (if desired) will take place at the SMMNRA National Park Service Headquarters and Visitor Center from 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm.

Enclosed you will find a map and additional information. If you have any questions or need to cancel, please contact Kate Eschelbach by phone at 805-644-1766 x259 or by email at kate.eschelbach@fws.gov. For specific questions about the workshop locations, please contact Lisa Okazaki at the National Park Service by phone at 805-370-2348 x230 or by email at lisa.okazaki@nps.gov. Thank you again for registering for the workshop and we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures