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Junglescapes Charitable Trust
c/o Mr. Ramesh Venkataraman, Managing Trustee
Bangalore, India.

Dear Mr. Venkataraman:

I am pleased to inform you that Junglescapes Charitable Trust has been selected by the Society for Ecological Restoration as the recipient of our 2017 Full Circle Award. This award recognizes restoration projects that strive for the full and effective participation of local indigenous communities and that reflect a strong balance between indigenous and non-indigenous knowledge and practices in both project design and implementation. Projects nominated for this award must demonstrate exceptional innovation in the following areas:

- Project goals are defined using the traditional ecological knowledge and traditional practices of local indigenous peoples.
- Project goals are complemented by non-indigenous knowledge and practices.
- Local indigenous peoples have participated meaningfully and fully in the restoration project and will be able to use the restored ecosystem in traditional ways.

In particular, the Society has selected Junglescapes for this award in recognition of the holistic and inclusive approach you have taken to facilitating the recovery of degraded forest ecosystems and vital habitat across a large area, and working closely and collaboratively with local communities in your efforts to do so. By seeking to develop integrated solutions that draw from local knowledge, address socio-economic concerns in the surrounding communities, and treat the root causes of degradation by fomenting a shift in local perceptions of nature, Junglescapes has great potential to not only achieve lasting improvements for the region's forests and biodiversity, but to improve human well-being across the region as well. Junglescapes is a laudable example for projects elsewhere in India and the rest of the world, and we celebrate your accomplishments.

We would like to present this award to you during our Awards Dinner on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at the 7th World Conference on Ecological Restoration in Foz do Iguassu, Brazil. We hope you can join us as our guests for this special occasion, and we look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards,

Jim Furnish
SER Awards Committee Chair