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Mark Apel
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Dear Mr. Apel:

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the 2022 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Challenge. We received 17 innovative proposals for projects that limit incompatible development, enhance military installation resilience, or relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions supporting key capabilities of strategic importance to the Department of Defense. This year's proposals demonstrate promising strategies to accomplish their outlined goals and leverage greater partner cost-share to enhance benefits for the military, the taxpayer, and the environment.

The 17 REPI Challenge finalists collectively identified strategic opportunities to leverage over \$130 million in potential partner funding to protect the missions at 24 installations across ten states.

I am pleased to announce that your proposal was chosen as a 2022 REPI Challenge award recipient and will receive \$2,849,855 to advance the innovative projects you are pursuing at Fort Huachuca, subject to the availability of funding.

I ask that you please refrain from all outside communications regarding this decision and delay any local announcements until we notify all proposal applicants, coordinate press releases, and make formal announcements, tentatively scheduled for early June. Congratulations and thank you for your 2022 REPI Challenge proposal, and for partnering with us to sustain military test, training, and operational capabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Thomasgard", is positioned above the printed name.

Kristin Thomasgard
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