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Dr. David Hyndman
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Dear Dr. Hyndman:

Thank you for submitting the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the Division of Earth Sciences (EAR) Surface Earth Processes (SEP) Section, which was held June 2-3, 2014. I am grateful for your committee's thorough and valuable analysis of the Program.

I was delighted to learn that you concluded this Section has been effective and efficient in supporting every aspect of the agency's mission, from basic research through health, prosperity and welfare and is advancing Earth science that is directly relevant to pressing societal needs.

I am deeply appreciative of the time very busy people like yourself have committed to helping NSF and the community, not only in providing a retrospective of performance by the EAR/SEP Section over the past three years, but also in looking towards the future. You have provided many constructive comments on broad issues fundamental to the business operations of NSF and the investment priorities required for the health of the EAR community in research and education. Your suggestions regarding the need for improvements in SEP success rates were particularly helpful.

Once again, thank you for recognizing the quality of our staff and operations. We will continue to strive to maintain the tradition and challenge of close cooperation with the EAR community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Wakimoto".

Roger Wakimoto
Assistant Director

Enclosure

Copy to: COV Members
George Hornberger, AC/GEO Chair