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Ms. Mary Wells P.O. Box 520 The Sea Ranch, California

Dear Ms. Wells:

Sometime ago you asked me about the documentary movie of the Pygmy Forest Ecological Staircase that Maureen Kowsky is undertaking. I knew of it but had not seen any of it.

Late in December Maureen came to our house and showed us informally some footage she took. I was favorably impressed. It is not a conventional film travelogue, but an artistically perceptive rendition of the staircase vegetation that so many photographers consider non-photogenic. It is exactly this unromantic way of looking at nature that is needed for the appreciation of the pygmy forest landscape.

Maureen needs money to pursue her filming, but, apparently, she has nothing to show in the form of a completed, organized film that could serve as a criterian for making a substantial contract with her.

I would suggest that organizations provide
Maureen with some "seed money" to enable her to keep
shooting more scenarios. The best could be tentatively
assembled and viewed by an interested group that has
professional advice. A formal and more substantial
financial arrangement might then be undertaken.

Sincerely,

Hans Jenny