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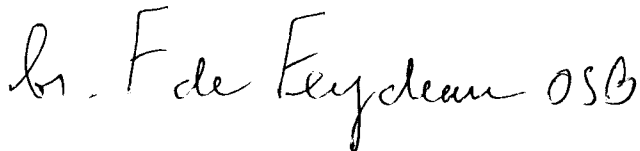
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To: The Apache Foundation and Up with Trees.

In the name of the Benedictine Community of Clear Creek Monastery, I express my gratitude to the Apache Foundation and Up With Trees for the donation of so many trees. We received trees of species which rare or absent from our area: Red maple, Bur oak, Water oak, Red Plum, Pear etc... With the help of guests, the monastic community has planted them around the newly erected buildings and along the entrance roadway. We planted them not only for the beauty but also to provide shade for people and sheep, to reduce erosion and to contribute to the regeneration of the forest around the monastery. Because of the many whitetail deer on the property, we have to protect the young trees with wire mesh. We water them using pierced cans so as to make the watering more efficient. We cover the feet with fabric and bark to keep the moisture and prevent weeds.

The community is greatly appreciative of the opportunity to share in the program Up with Trees. We keep all the volunteers in our prayers.

Sincerely,



br. F. de Feydeau OSB



