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**Tanya M. Quist, Ph. D.**

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**Re: AZ Champion Tree Nomination - African Sumac (*Searsia lancea*)**

Dear Dr. Tanya M. Quist:

We are excited to notify you that your African Sumac (*Searsia lancea*) located on the campus of the University of Arizona has met the requirements to be crowned as an Arizona State Champion Tree and will hold this status until a larger specimen is submitted. With this designation, your tree becomes one of a select few trees that are recognized for being the largest of their species. Arizona is home to nearly 70 Champion Trees and with the inclusion of your tree this list continues to grow.

Your African Sumac was measured to be 39 feet tall, 133 inches in circumference and has a 50-foot average crown spread which combined for a total score of 185 points. It is currently documented as the largest African Sumac in the State of Arizona. Congratulations on your State Champion!

Sincerely,

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