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CAN YOU DONATE A TRAILER OR INFLATABLE BOAT?

The Wildlife Team of the Centro de Investigaciones Cientificas y de Educacion Superior (Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education) de Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, is seeking the donation of the following equipment: a mediumsized house trailer (approximately 16 feet long, to be used as a movable field station) and a small inflatable boat with a small motor (approximately 10-15 horsepower, to be used in coastal lagoons and around islands). Also needed is a copy of Bent's Life Histories of North American Birds. A temporary tax law change has created an extraordinary opportunity to make donations of equipment to this effort in 1991 and receive the full market value deduction. The new law, applicable to donors who are subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax, states that in 1991 only "If a taxpayer makes a charitable contribution of tangible personal property (other than inventory or other income property, or short-term capital gain property), the use of which is related to the [recipient's] tax-exempt purpose, the taxpayer is entitled to claim a deduction for both regular tax and alternative minimum tax purposes in the amount of the property's fair market value (subject to present-law percentage limitations)." Please contact the Foundation for Field Research (P. O. Box 2010, Alpine, CA 91903; 619-445-9264), through which donations will be handled.

