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David,

Deanna and I have looked at your salamander website and enjoyed it. Very nice design. Lots of color. And the work you do is important.

I remember finding my first spotted salamander near a Pennsylvania pond many years ago. It was much larger than the guide books said they grow and it put me on alert to see things for myself, rather than just read about them.

Your organization hands on effort to protect this salamander is the kind of real connection people should all be making with wildlife. I applaud you and your group. I believe my agent Susan Schulman is preparing a permission letter for me to sign. In the meantime, spring is creeping northward and soon you will have your handfull caring for the vernal pools again.

I am in Florida Keys, working on the paintings for a book about pelagis fish. When we get back to Vermont, we'll be sure to check the vernal pools in our woods.

Again, keep up the good work and watch for Crinkleroot's new book in spring 2012. "Crinkleroot's Guide to Giving Back to Nature" bpublished by Putnam's.

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