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September 14, 1984

To: Vice President McKinney
From: E. D. Ables, College of FWR
Subject: Land Exchange with U.S. Forest Service

We are in general agreement with the proposed land exchanges as specified in the U.S. Forest Service "Statement of Intent" document prepared in May, 1984. Specifically we would give up 40 acres of forested land in Bonner County and development rights to the Taylor Ranch in exchange for perhaps 867 acres of Forest Service land to include the acreage on which Clark Fork Ranger Station stands plus several parcels adjacent to our school forest. This seems like a fair trade and would benefit the long-term goals of the College and University.

We do have one reservation concerning the Taylor Ranch. It would be advantageous to retain the right to construct a low-head hydro on Pioneer Creek for power to light and heat the existing facilities. Such a structure would be environmentally acceptable, unobtrusive, quiet and in keeping with the wilderness character of the setting. In fact, such a structure would have less impact than cutting trees to provide wood for cooking and heating. We would not let this concern block the exchange process, but I feel that we should try to obtain the concession as a part of the Scenic Easement document. Otherwise, let's proceed as planned.

EDA/pkv

c: Dick Bottger

Carolyn attached 9/17
Det Ables letter
from Jon Warren.
Be sure Dick keeps
originals & plans
thanks D

9/14/84

Jon Warren:

Mr. McKinney asked that
you take a look at this.

Submit hydro plan to the U.S.F.S.
along with other documents seeking permission

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