

Walla Walla Wash.

2 July

Dear Bert,

I apologize for not answering your letters of June 24 sooner but I have been endeavoring to contact Col Miller before so doing. As I have missed the Col. I will answer anyhow.

I concur with your position in regard to the form in which Bruce's Eddy should be authorized. However if you can't get it just the way you desire it, I don't think you should be too choosy if it is offered in a somewhat different manner. Certainly we don't want the Clearwater projects to get into a Hells Canyon style squabble in which it appears no compromise that will satisfy the various factions is possible. It does seem however that our ~~and~~ major projects should give more immediately local benefits than they do, and as before stated, I concur with your attitude.

My duties have tied me down to the office and to construction projects to such an extent that I've been unable to get over your way as I have desired. However I'm going to make all plans for July so that they permit me to accept your invitation for the river and forest trips.

Just when I'll show up at Profus and Headquarters will depend on how much my movements are coordinated with those of Cols. Foote and Miller. But I'll be with you somehow.

Just saw Col. Miller and learned something of his plans for the trip. Would it <sup>be</sup> possible for me to join the party sometime Thursday, either at Bertha Hill or the mouth of Beaver Creek. My chief assistant will be on vacation during the week of the trip and I should not be away any more than I can help doing. I'll call you later about this after I've discussed the trip further with Miller. I'll bring river maps etc with me, also will explain all available information to him prior to the trip. He is quite steamed up about it.

Thanks again for your action in providing the opportunity for me to go on this trip. I hope I can repay you.  
Will see you soon

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