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If you have specific questions related to the Idaho Training Range proposal please contact me or Dr. Dale Toweill (208-334-2599). Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

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