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Dear Jerry,

I believe that there has been a break-through for the Magrude Corridor. When the Supreme Court refused to review the lower courts' decision on East Meadow Creek, where, as you remember, conservations had taken the Forest Service to court saying that they violated the Wilderness Act because they were planning a sale in a de facto wilderness area contiguous to a primitive area before the President and Congress had had an chance to review it for wilderness.

The Magruder Corridor and the area on the Nez Perce west to the Green Mountain Road is a parallel case. This admitted by the Forest Sevice when we were working on the Management Plan. At that time, however, we were powerless, as the high court had not made a decison to review or not to review.

It is most important now that we get a good number of requests going to the supervisors on the Nez Perce (whose name I do not Know) and to Orville Daniels on the Bitter Root Nat. For. that the Corridor and the area west to the Green Mt. Road be considered as wilderness candidate areas. No mention need be made of where boundaries are going to go and all that jazz, just name the areas and the East Meadow Creek case!

Things are really changing [illegible] in Region One. We have a real jewel for Regional Forester. He has made his stand and is hanging tough. As you can see in your own area industry has pulled out all the stops and the din against wilderness increases hourly! The supervisor on the Bitter Root, Orville Daniels, whom I know you have met, is going the same route. What will be done on this forest from here on out will be based on the land resource inventory.

Twist a few arms for the Corridor.

Best,
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