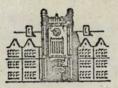
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Dear Alex:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Idaho Primitive Area study information.

I have related the gist of our discussions at the Ranch to the University Administration, and in due time I expect we will get back to you with information on what the input of the University will be in the reclassification hearings. As indicated during our discussions, I believe that we will be able to support the U.S. Forest Service in the main, if not entirely. Meantime, we will appreciate being kept advised of the progress of your studies, and we will be happy to assist as possible.

I felt that our meeting at the Taylor Ranch was extremely beneficial from several points of view, particularly the discussion concerning work relations between the Region I of the Forest Service and the University. An added bonus was the opportunity to get to know one another better.

Sincerely,

Albert W. Erickson, Director and Professor of Wildlife Ecology

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cc: Dean Stark