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MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Council Members
From: John Hendee *John E. Hendee*
Date: August 6, 1990
Subject: Resident Scientist/Manager for Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station

The search committee under chairmanship of Steve Bunting certified two names, Jeff Yeo and Greg Hayward, as qualified for the new resident scientist/manager position at the Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station. Along with the certification were recommendations on the strengths of each of them. This was a difficult choice since both candidates were highly qualified, and they are both involved in wilderness research near Taylor Ranch in cooperation with senior faculty members.

I have offered the job as Taylor Ranch-resident scientist/manager to Dr. Jeff Yeo and he will phase into his new position during August when he completes the field studies course he is teaching in the wilderness for San Francisco State and work on the wolf reintroduction analysis for the Policy Analysis Group. Jeff will report directly to the associate dean for research as we begin a transition toward greater research emphasis at Taylor Ranch and to ensure access of all departments to wilderness research programs as we work toward funding for a full-time director of the Wilderness Research Center. In order, Jeff's responsibilities will be to: (1) facilitate and support development and conduct of research and education programs by UI faculty and cooperators in the vicinity of Taylor Ranch; (2) oversee the maintenance and operation of the ranch facility; (3) conduct personal research near Taylor Ranch and apply for grants. He will spend more time out of the wilderness in order to do the necessary job of research facilitation, coordination and develop requests for funding. Adjustments will be made in the ranch operation to allow this greater emphasis on wilderness research that we are striving to develop.

Because of Greg Hayward's outstanding qualifications and wilderness research experience, we hope he will continue his research in the wilderness. To encourage his continuation of environmental monitoring and assessment research in Big Creek, which may have important conservation biology implications, we have offered Greg the opportunity to spend a month next year at Taylor Ranch when Jeff is away, thereby providing coverage and

FWR presence at the ranch while facilitating Greg's wilderness research. Greg wants to assess his progress completing other commitments this fall before responding to this offer.

The renewed emphasis on research at Taylor Ranch will require adjustments and cooperation in a concerted effort to help the ranch achieve its potential as a world class wilderness research facility, demonstrate the values of the Wilderness Research Center to the UI administration and attract outside research funds. I look forward to your help.

cc: Taylor Ranch Advisory Committee

bc: Ed Krump
Jeff Yeo
Greg Hayward
Jim and Holly Akenson