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Dear John:

I will be resigning as Scientist/Manager of the Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station effective May 17, 1996. This is sooner than I had anticipated but the agencies sponsoring my research requested that I begin in May. I will contact UI Personnel and CFWR Accounting so that they are informed of my resignation date.

I have made arrangements for daily collection of weather records and coverage of other basic field station chores until Dave Duncan's arrival at the field station on June 1. Aaron Foster, who has spent this past winter at Taylor Ranch as a technician for Jim Peek and who was a wilderness intern in summer 1995, will handle the basic field station duties during May. Wilderness interns for summer 1996, Eileen Irvine and Scott Schriber, will arrive at the field station on May 20th. Idaho Department of Fish and Game personnel also will be at the field station during May monitoring steelhead migration and spawning.

Kurt Becker, USFS Salmon, contacted me concerning use of Taylor Ranch for one person during May and early June. This person would be monitoring recreational use of Big Creek by floaters. I told him to contact you directly.

Taylor Ranch is in the best condition in its history under UI ownership. There's been a summer course at the field station for the past six years. Research has expanded with many new projects being conducted from the field station by faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, and federal and state agency scientists. The facilities all are in excellent condition and, with the purchase of a fire pump with foaming capability last fall, are for the first time capable of being protected from wildfire. This is particularly important now with the new federal fire management policy reducing the priority of protecting private property.



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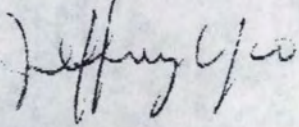
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I have had several conversations with Dave Duncan concerning management of Taylor Ranch. With those and his previous experience at the field station, he is in a much better position to manage the ranch than I was when I took over management. I will be in the Big Creek drainage in July continuing my research there and I'll see Dave to give him any additional help he may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey J. Yeo".

Jeffrey J. Yeo  
Scientist/Manager

cc: Pam Bell, CFWR Admin. Asst.  
George Labar, Head, Fish & Wildl. Res.