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TO: Jeff Yeo, Scientist/Manager
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FROM: John C. Hendee, WRC Director

SUBJECT: Taylor Ranch Transition Meeting #2 -- March 7

Our meeting was excellent and we are getting on top of the issues and initiatives. I summarize the essence of our discussion by referring to the numbered items from my March 6 memo documenting our February 27 meeting.

Item # 2/10 Letter:

1-10. Potential Duties for Your Replacement -- Interim Caretaker: You provided the advertisement used for the past several years to recruit caretakers. You will be providing the list of potential duties at a later date, and this may be affected by who is selected and what option is selected for replacing you. Thanks for contacting David Duncan. If you will call him and alert him to the possibility of visiting Moscow over March 30 or April 20 (weekends), I will follow-up with a letter to him. As one of our intern alumni, he would be an excellent choice. I also wrote to Reed Lewis and we should be hearing from him as to his interest in the position. It looks like about \$12,500 per year is what it would take at \$600 per month, plus \$12 per day per diem. We called Dick Bottger during our meeting and got his concurrence that an interim caretaker option would be feasible, but we must renew the temporary IH position after five months or else convert it to classified and begin enrollment in PERSI. The interim caretaker option would save about \$14,000 to be invested in enhancements, deferred maintenance, teaching, etc.

2. NSF Field Station Improvement Proposal: You will be putting together a short proposal to include: the air strip, sprinkler system, solar system enhancement for the Taylor Cabin and Research Laboratory; 2-3 computers for student use; 2-3 GPS units; and will review the maintenance assessment done by Tim, the Wood Use and Design student last year. Please give this to Maureen early the week of Spring Break, she can fax it to me, I can review it and then have it sent to Vice Provost Shreeve for suggestions as to reviewers or other items we might propose.
3. Internships: Nice job, Jeff! Thirty-two applications are now being reviewed by WRC advisors, Hunt, Rourke, and Johansen. The best showing yet I response to advertisements. We should land some good ones.
4. The REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) Proposal: You provided this file, which I returned to you to put with the rest of the Taylor Ranch files which will be cleaned and re-organized. Our work study student, Pam, will do this and I will fund it from other funds.
5. Your Field Course (Field Studies in Wilderness Ecology): Please make a proposal to us to continue teaching this course sometime between now and the time you leave. The course will not be offered this year.
6. Brochure: You turned in the file which will be put with the rest of the Taylor Ranch files. We will address the brochure when the Strategic Plan is complete.
7. Horses: You will develop an enforceable cooperative agreement with Jim Bennett to provide horses for this summer. When horses are secure for this summer under this major premise for selling them, we can consider other options for the future.
8. Budget: You turned in a budget for the \$2650, approximately what remains in the TR operating and income account. I provided money from another budget to replace your computer cartridge and \$600 to hire Pam as a workstudy person to clean and organize the Taylor Ranch files, under your direction.

I will personally approve all expenditures from these budgets, but not without your signature on them, e.g., Arnold Aviation bills, etc.

9. Proposed Research: You provided an excellent summary of the proposal idea by John Marshall, Wayne Minschell, Kurt Lohman, Pat Heglund and Chuck Peterson on the Watershed Study. I called Roy Mink's office during our meeting to leave a message to get in touch with you, and will have a copy of your summary delivered to him. He will have some ideas about putting together a research proposal.

I look forward to our next meeting the week of March 25. Wherever you relocate, whether in North Idaho or Challis, please keep in mind the open door to your continued cooperation with the Wilderness Research Center in teaching and/or research.

Please give Maureen your E-Mail address and we can start communicating that way. It may be useful in working with Roy Mink on the NFS/EPA proposal.

See you.

cc: Jean'ne Shreeve, Vice Provost

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