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**DATE:** January 31, 1996  
**TO:** Jean'ne Shreeve, Vice Provost Research  
**FROM:** John C. Hendee, WRC Director  
**SUBJECT:** Jeff Yeo

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Here is Jeff's most recent letter. After talking to you the first time, I called Jeff in response to his telephone message about his course in Wilderness Field Ecology. He said he would not be working for the university next summer as he would resign. I will meet with him Tuesday, February 6 and get the facts per our discussion on my second telephone call to you.

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**Date:** January 28, 1996  
**To:** John  
**From:** Jeff  
**Subject:** spring work schedule

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To reiterate my note last week, we have not yet received the results of Mathias' most recent tests. We're hopeful that he's finished with chemotherapy but I don't know when he'll be able to return to school. Until then I'll continue to work at home. I can be available for meetings any time on Thursdays and on Tuesday mornings until noon. But because my office is at home, I'll generally only come in to meet with someone or get stuff done on campus.

In my August 16 memo to you, I outlined proposed tasks for this academic year. Of those you've stated emphatically that you did not want a field station newsletter, and that you were not interested in pursuing at this time either a synthesis of research in FCRNRW or a forum of scientists to identify research priorities. So I'll not continue with those projects.

I proposed to facilitate a new course at Taylor Ranch as well as facilitating new scientists working from the field station. Steve Bunting and Penny Morgan are now putting together a fire ecology course for next summer, ISU is interested in offering a field ecology course augmenting current research by Wayne Minshall and Chuck Peterson, and Chuck Peterson is interested in offering a herpetology course (which is not offered at UI). Steve and Penny will then establish new research from the field station. In addition, I've been helping Dennis Geist, UI Geology, to expand his research, part of which will be staged from the field station and involve interns.

ISU —

I've been working steadily to develop data bases of existing data. These include research on: vegetation, terrestrial community succession, birds, small mammals, butterflies, amphibians, meteorological measures, and snakes.

Additionally, I've been working with others on several publications and a presentation to the Idaho Academy of Science. I'm also working on an NSF proposal for field station facility improvement (due in April) and a comparison of the existing field station research and monitoring program with NSF's program for long-term observations and monitoring of ecosystems which became the LTER site program. Except for lake ecosystems and wet/dry atmospheric deposition we're already doing much of what the LTER sites are doing.

Beyond the projects I proposed last August several annual efforts will need to be accomplished this spring:

- summer interns: Would you confirm that we'll be able to use the Bleak Endowment to fund this again this year? I'll begin giving presentations to classes to recruit applicants as soon I know we can count on that funding.
- 1996-97 winter caretaker: we should discuss this. I want to talk with you about changing how we do that.
- annual report: as I have each year, I'll prepare a draft report for the field station this spring.