

Jeff Yeo

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Thanks for your letter about Moth's
and his condition. All of you will be in my thoughts.

Jeff - we need to discuss the proposed
Taylor Ranch Newsletter & the
Synthesis of research funded by FS partially.
These must be carefully coordinated
with the proposed Wilderness ecosystem
research & monitoring program to which
we committed and are trying to
organize & lead. This effort will
shape all that we do at Taylor Ranch.
For the most part we are moving in the
right direction but it will take
coordination between all of us. Proceed
but please talk thru everything with
me before making commitments.

I fully support your proposed work
arrangements.

John Arden

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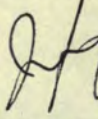
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Date: August 16, 1995
To: John
From: Jeff
Subject: Mathias' health and my work schedule

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I want to update you on Mathias' condition and its effect on my work schedule this fall. On July 25, Mathias was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. This is a very aggressive cancer affecting his entire body. His treatment entails cycles of intensive chemotherapy which requires about a week of hospitalization in Spokane followed by 2-3 weeks of recovery, then back in for more chemo. If all goes well, these cycles of treatment will be completed in about a year. His prognosis is very hopeful barring infection.

Following each hospitalization, Mathias' white blood cell count will be dangerously low which means his body cannot fight any infection. His doctor warned us that if he becomes infected he could be dead within six hours. Therefore, when not in hospital, Mathias will be isolated at home. He will need constant attendance and home schooling. Given the obvious need for both Jette and I to work, we felt I could be more flexible in my work situation and schedule because Jette is teaching a full load. I'm moving part of my office home and work from home Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. I'll spend Thursdays on campus. During periods of Mathias' hospitalization, I'll be in Spokane with him and take work with me to the hospital. I'll leave phone numbers with Maureen where I can be reached at all times.

Despite this unfortunate situation, I'm confident that I can continue to manage the field station and be productive. Dr. Reed Lewis and his wife, Karen, will be the winter caretakers this year. They spent several days at Taylor Ranch in July and I met with them in Boise afterwards. They'll

begin in mid-September. As you may remember, Reed has been one of the principal geologists mapping the FCRNRW and while at the field station will map the geology of the 7.5' quad surrounding the field station. He is pursuing funding to expand his work in FCRNRW in subsequent years. In the interim, Lynette Nelson, a CFWR graduate and USFS seasonal, will be caretaking the field station. Lynette grew up on a cattle ranch in South Dakota and can handle the ranch chores and horse care.

During the coming academic year I intend to accomplish the following:

- ✓ • produce an annual field station newsletter summarizing research and teaching accomplishments; to be distributed to USFS, IDFG, ALWRI, UI, ISU, BSU, WSU, and others
- submit proposals for research and equipment to provide salary release moneys for me and fund additional field equipment (GPS, computer, etc.) for the field station
- establish new scientists conducting research from the field station
- facilitate a new course to be offered from the field station
- develop research data bases (really the core field station facility) including long-term weather records, ecological data collected by us and our cooperators. (This has been needed for 25 years and is the primary means by which we'll attract new researchers and funding).
- ✶ • develop a synthesis of research conducted within FCRNRW, to be partially funded by FS
- submit professional and lay articles for publication; develop with other scientists professional presentations of research and monitoring associated with Taylor Ranch

This is an ambitious agenda given the demands of Mathias' health but doable. I appreciate your willingness to give me the flexibility to care for Mathias and manage Taylor Ranch and its program. I look forward to next summer when Mathias will be well and the Taylor Ranch research and teaching program will be even more vital.