

15 September 1992

Dear Jeff.

Your letter of September 1 just caught up with me, here in Trout Creek, MT, where I am once again sitting on a fire lookout (looking into the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness on the Kootenai N.F.) So, I am replying ASAP and will attempt to get this mailed out to you within the next day or two.

Thank you so much for consideration for caretaking. You, of course, know how very much I love Taylor Ranch and staying there.

I am obligated, by contract, to work for the Forest Service through the pay period of October 3 and may or may not be needed for extended employment into mid-October, depending on the fire season and weather. So, I guess I am unavailable for this particular slot of time. If your winter care-taker, John Mundy, is unable to help you out at any time during the winter, please let me know. I would be very interested in part-time winter care-taking, as I am going to have a job with considerable flexibility and could fly in (possibly from Stanley or Salmon - this side of the ranch) and help out

for lengthy periods of time. I am
with a partner now, Stan Seavell,
botanist / ecologist for the Kootenai
N.F., who, I know, would also like
to come in (he was the person in
charge of the crews brought in
for structure protection, who put
in the sprinkler lines; put up
the scusa, etc, last summer,
you may recall him.), who would
give "a couple - for safety" and
some muscle for hauling propane
tanks around!

Sorry for the unavoidable
delay of this "yeat or nay". Hope
all went well with trading the
stock out, etc. Please extend
my hellos and available status
to Jim Peck, as well.

Thanks.

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