



Dear Colleague:

The University of Idaho maintains a Wilderness Research Center in the College of Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences. The purposes of this center are to promote research and education to better understand wilderness ecosystems and man's relation to them. Its scope is not limited to forestry schools—wilderness research can and should involve other disciplines as well.

The leadership of the Wilderness Research Center is interested in creating a stronger image and increasing support for the center.

Could you please take a few moments to answer these short questions?

- Before receiving this letter, were you aware of the existence of the Wilderness Research Center?

YES NO

- Were you aware of its purposes?

YES NO

- Were you aware that the Wilderness Research Center operates a 64-acre field station located in the River of No Return Wilderness known as the Taylor Ranch?

YES NO

- Do you feel that maintaining such a research facility is appropriate for the University of Idaho?

YES NO NO OPINION

- The Wilderness Research Center has sponsored the Annual Wilderness Distinguished Lectureship for the past five years. Past speakers have included Senator Frank Church, Professor Roderick Nash, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus, President of the Nature Conservancy Patrick Noonan, and Director of the National Park Service Russell Dickenson. Have you attended any of these lectureships or received printed copies of them?

Attended? YES NO Received copies? YES NO

- Do you feel that this series has been an asset to the campus community?

YES NO NO OPINION

As new director of the Wilderness Research Center, one of my first tasks is to identify a research program that the Center should address. To do this, I would like your help in identifying research topics and individuals interested in pursuing research relative to wilderness or natural ecosystems, either at the Taylor Ranch or in other wildland settings.

- Are you interested in doing research in a wilderness setting?

YES

NO

If so, on what topics? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Are you particularly interested in doing research based at the Taylor Ranch?

YES

NO

- If you are not interested in pursuing research confined to a wilderness setting, could any of your research projects benefit by conducting some portion of it in a wildland setting to make comparisons to baseline natural conditions?

YES

NO

- Even if you are not interested in wilderness research at this time, are there any research topics you believe the center should address?

Please list them: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Finally, would you please recommend any other researchers or faculty that you think might be interested in wilderness related research?

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Thank you! I realize you may be too busy to give detailed answers right now, but please feel free to write or give me a call to discuss this topic if you have questions or would like to have more detailed input.

Sincerely,

Edwin E. Krumpe, Director  
Wilderness Research Center