

To M. Hornocker

From R. W. Stark, Coordinator of Research *rmg*

Subject Wilderness Research Center

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Inter-Office Memorandum

Date September 27, 1972

To the best of my recollection no formal action has been taken with regard to the shift in procedures regarding the Wilderness Research Center. As we discussed earlier this year we concurred that the Wilderness Research Center would best be administered through the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences. I discussed this with Vice President Coonrod and he felt that all that was necessary was a memorandum from me transferring my responsibilities to Dean Ehrenreich.

As of this date, therefore, you as Director of The Wilderness Research Center are responsible for reports, approval, etc. to Dean John Ehrenreich of the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences. Because of my deep interest in the Wilderness Research Center and its future growth I would be happy to serve in any capacity as advisor as you may desire.

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cc: Dean Ehrenreich
V. P. Coonrod
Dr. Erickson

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Albert W. Erickson
FROM: Robert W. Coonrod

Because of the budget crunch the University faces next year and because of your resignation from the Directorship of the Wilderness Research Center, next year's budget will not carry provision for a Director or a Secretary for the Wilderness Research Center. I would appreciate your informing your secretary of that fact.

We do plan to keep the Wilderness Research Center open for graduate students and faculty under the administrative supervision of Dr. Maurice Hornocker. We will provide a caretaker's salary of \$3,200 and a support budget of \$4,000.

RWC:gb
cc: Dean Stark ✓
Dr. Hornocker
Dean Ehrenreich

A large, handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Robert W. Coonrod, the sender of the memorandum.

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October 31, 1971

Dr. Albert W. Erickson, Director
and Professor of Wildlife Ecology
Wilderness Research Center
Forestry Building, Campus

Dear Dr. Erickson:

This is written in acknowledgement of your letter of resignation from the faculty of the University of Idaho effective November 1, 1972, or earlier at your discretion. I have been authorized by President Hartung to notify you of the University's acceptance of this resignation.

It is a matter of deep disappointment that we note your conclusion that the University and the State have been unable to provide the environment within which you wish to operate as Director of the Wilderness Research Center. We were extremely jubilant at having been able to gain a person of your caliber and reputation to direct this operation. We regret that you feel that it has not worked out.

We will make a change in the administration of the Wilderness Research Center by July 1, 1972. We feel we must do this in order to begin the transition period between your departure and the appointment of a new director. Should you plan to stay on after July 1, we would plan to appoint you as a research professor, with your activities funded from your grants, until the time of your departure.

I hope you will accept our very best wishes for your further professional development. We hope that your new situation will make up for the disappointment which you have found here at Idaho. We do greatly appreciate the efforts that you have made here, and feel that we will be able to build upon the strength which you have been able to establish.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. COONROD
Academic Vice-president

OFFICIAL COPY
cc: Dean Stark

2 June 1970

Dr. A. W. Erickson
2240 N. Rosewood Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota 55113

Dear Al:

We are delighted that you have decided to join us as Director of the Wilderness Research Center. I am looking forward to receipt of your letter of acceptance momentarily.

For your information, I will summarize the matters which the University agreed to on the occasion of your visit here.

- (a) We will consider you for tenure during your second year with us.
- (b) You will be responsible for the administration of the Center to Dean Ronald Stark, Dean of the Graduate School. It is not contemplated that any change in organization will take place without your being in full consultation.
- (c) Any salary monies which would be released from your budget by your obtaining outside grants would be maintained within the operation of the Center according to your recommendations. For 1970-71 we agreed that such monies would be applied to any salaries not now budgeted for the Center with the exception of \$3,000 for caretaker which the University will assume.
- (d) Though current University policy regarding overhead monies places such monies in general income of the institution, this will confirm my intention to work for a different policy which would return a substantial portion of overhead money to the agency which generates the overhead.
- (e) The University will provide necessary office space and office furniture for your operation.
- (f) Beginning 1971-72, the University will budget a secretary for the Center.

Dr. A. W. Erickson

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2 June 1970

Everyone here is excited about your appointment. We understand that your reporting date is not yet determined but probably will be sometime during August. Your salary of \$21,000 for a 12 month year will be prorated from your date of reporting to active duty.

If there are further matters that you wish confirmed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. COONROD
Academic Vice President

RWC:gb

15 May 1970

Dr. A. W. Erickson
2240 N. Rosewood Lane
St. Paul, Minnesota 55113

Dear Dr. Erickson:

Upon recommendation of the Search Committee, and under authority of the President of the University, I am pleased to offer you a position on the faculty of the University of Idaho, as Director of the Wilderness Research Center and Professor of Wildlife Ecology, beginning fiscal year 1970-71 at a salary of \$21,000 for that period. Permanent tenure as Professor of Wildlife Ecology is available after three years of satisfactory service. We will pay for moving expenses up to a limit of \$1,000.

This letter confirms an informal offer made to you on 13 May 1970 by telephone. It is subject to formal approval by the Board of Regents at their meeting on June 8 and 9, 1970.

It is my understanding that you wish to make another trip to our campus for the purpose of visiting the Wilderness Research Center at the Taylor Ranch. We will pay your expenses for this visit, which will be arranged by Dr. Maurice Hornocker. Dr. Hornocker will be in touch with you.

We are glad to know of your strong interest in this position and sincerely hope that you will accept our offer following your visit to the Ranch. Fiscal year 1970-71 begins on July 1, 1970 and extends through June 30, 1971.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. COONROD
Academic Vice President

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cc: Dr. Hornocker ✓

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