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Dear Dr. Neuenschwander:

I'm glad you enjoyed my speech on Wilderness at the University of Idaho. I'm also pleased that you wrote about your concern over my response to the questions on fire management in Wilderness, and I appreciate your kind offer to provide additional information. I am currently preparing a follow-up question and answer article for Western Wildlands about Wilderness, and the issue of fire in Wilderness will surely be one of the questions. I will give the issue careful thought in preparing my response and will also get more background information. I would be happy to have your reactions at that time.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my staff should you feel we need more technical input. We need the counsel of professionals like yourself in shaping views on these resource matters that are important to Idaho and the other states with units of the National Wilderness Preservation System. I assure you I am sincerely interested in supporting management policies that are necessary to preserve Wilderness values as long as they adequately protect human visitors and resource values outside classified areas. And I am always pleased to benefit from the kind of professional input you can offer as a basis for developing well-informed opinions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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