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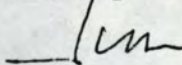
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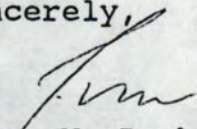
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MEMORANDUM
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TO: JEFFREY

SUBJECT: MISC.

Just wanted to send you copies of the letters to Janik and Capp. I saw them in Wahington, and promised to send them reprints. Those were my last two reprints, incidentally.

Our Herd Creek paper is actually in the May issue of JRM!?!/|\! I am really pleased about this happy ending. When reprints come in, I'll forward copies all over the place and send you correspondence. The only last thing is that some time an opportunity will present itself for you to publish that time series analysis, and we should keep our eyes open for it.

Pat has all the materials she stole from the ranch in frames complete with captions, and you can expect to see it some time this month or next when we get the right box and material to ship it down to you. I think the stuff could mostly go into the Lanham cabin where you have the museum setup.

I have budgeted out the IFG money as you suggested, except I took some out for my travel. I have to travel to Boise for an RMEF advisory board meeting and will try to get into the Biennial reports when I do. Neal Darby has finished his work and will send it in to you. I will have the Lochsa files here in my office until I get tired of them and then will put them in your office.

Nancy M. called me yesterday and some lost soul wants to know if we need a rehabilitated cougar in your pen. I took the liberty without consultation of telling Nancy that I thought you probably were not involved in enough cougar research to warrant daily collection of carcasses, intensively training the poor thing how to kill lambs and fawns, and probably couldn't handle the inevitable parting of the ways, you would become so attached to the beast! Call Nancy if you want the cougar, asap!

I think Schlegel is going to support the sheep work. We may wind up with two students on this, if what I envision gets support. I'll keep you posted. Also, I took Edgar's paper out plus the notebook on the grazing data Ray and Christine obtained. I am keeping the grazing data because it is difficult to copy, but you know where it is now. Did you order reprints for the Herd Creek article? Let me know if they are going to you so I can put out a lookout for them.

I'm trying to stay away from the office as much as possible given the really horrible state of affairs things have degenerated to.

I'll do my best to keep you posted on things.

Cheers, Jim

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Jeff - 5-11-93
I didn't send out
this yr. Do you
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May 13, 1992

Mr. Jerry Conley, Director
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
600 South Walnut Street
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Subject: Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station Visitor Policies and Fee Schedule

Dear Jerry

I thought it would be useful for you and your supervisors to have copies of the Wilderness Research Center's visitor policies and fee schedule for use of our Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station. This should allow you to plan your projects that make use of the field station facilities.

I want to thank you for the many years of IFG-UI cooperation at Taylor Ranch which certainly has enhanced our research and teaching program. I look forward to many more productive years in our efforts to provide information supportive of the management of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and adjacent federal and state lands.

For your interest I'm enclosing a Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station brochure and a copy of a paper about Taylor Ranch and our research by Jeff Yeo, Jim Akenson, Sonny LaSalle and me.

Sincerely,

John C. Hendee, Dean and Director
University of Idaho
Wilderness Research Center

JCH/nm
Enclosures

30 APRIL

HI JEFF:

We haven't heard anything to the contrary so I guess we will connect on the landing strip of the Taylor Ranch tomorrow. First, this has been an all-time great experience for us and we are grateful for the opportunity to have been able to have it. We realize we caused you some problems about getting people in here when we were out, and appreciate your efforts.

It dawned on me after Pat mentioned it that I probably was out of line letting this Benji Hill come in here. His father called about getting him lined up with a field trip over Christmas when we were out, so I told him to contact the LaGrande people for a week at Starkey and then come in here and I'd put him to work. He was a good visitor, and has to write up a report on his experiences for his high school graduation. He is going to some sort of private community school in Sun Valley. If I was out of line, at least we probably made some friends for this place out of it. It was strictly educational for him and he helped with the utilization checks on the plots on the benches. He found a full curl ram skeleton complete with horn sheaths between Cliff & Cougar Creeks, incidentally.

There's only a drip to the cook shack but it's getting bigger. I don't know if it is still frozen or if it's clogged. I did get the Lanham cabin water working, but there is a low spot that froze and I had to replace a section. It will freeze again next year and break for certain. The water line to the duplex finally thawed, but I'm leaving you with a plumbing job there. Several lines broke. I thought I had it drained by opening the faucet to the outside, but again there are low spots that don't drain with that faucet. There is a drain pipe with a cap that needs to be taken off with a pipe wrench which sticks down below the other pipes and that should be removed next fall. You'll recognize that pipe when you look at it. There is excellent pressure in the Taylor Cabin and if it subsides, check the spring box to see if the inlet pipe is plugged first. As long as that spring box is full of water, I think you have most of the problem to this cabin resolved under current situation with the creek.

There are skulls and jaws, including a bobcat skull hanging in the woodshed. The bobcat we found dead in a crevice off the trail about a mile this side of Cabin Creek in late February. The other bones are all cougar kills that we found this winter.

The gas barrel that I put on the plywood stand where the empty propane bottles go has regular gas in it. I don't know who owns that gas. I had Arnold fly in 5 gallons of gas and it is in the red jerry can in the shop. Pope flew out of here two days and has one gas barrel left now. Generator, chain saws, solar system in the Lanham cabin all work. You have three good cross-cut saws all sharpened ready for work as well. The battery-powered scale has batteries in it and Tony borrowed it and just returned it this week. I cut up some wood up Rush Creek that Porter limbed. Found where the rats got into the shoeing shed at the corral and covered that hole with a tin can. Finally, April is a record rainfall month in here. I took the April forms out to mail.

Can't think of anything else right now. We hope to come in some time in mid-July, and I'll call to make sure the times are good for you. Hope the class went well for you and that things aren't too squirrely on campus. Have a good summer!

Jim