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Jeff Yeo, Scientist/Manager  
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Dear Jeff:

We had a good flight from Taylor Ranch, back to the real world. I believe Clara Bleak really enjoyed her time there and especially the chance to interact with two outstanding naturalists such as you and Kerry Reese. On the way back we saw two bald eagles being harassed by other birds near Cascade and a number of raptors that were quickly identified--it was a great learning opportunity for me.

After we've received our new shipment I will send in t-shirts and hats for you, Shusan, Jason, and for Jette when she's working. I believe that positive identity is extremely important and will add an official flavor to our activities. I wouldn't expect them to be worn every day but certainly when the encounters with the public are expected. Next year we will have Wilderness Research Center t-shirts and hats--the idea of competition for design sounds great.

The other intern we discussed will probably not be available as she is going to be interning at a homeless shelter in Seattle.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Joe Zimmer about his visit to the ranch. I want to have a retreat of all of the advisors to the Wilderness Research Center next summer and Joe has agreed to be the facilitator. At his own expense he will be arranging the visit to Taylor Ranch this summer and have the chance to review all the facilities and see the surrounding attractions in addition to having some good discussions with you about all the issues and opportunities we need to resolve in our new policy. I know Joe well and this will be time well spent for us, Jeff. Joe knows wilderness and was a member of the review team with me that went to South Africa a few years ago to review management of their wilderness and wildlife refuges. He will probably bring his wife, Virigina. They both deserve special treatment and Joe will do a great job for us. He did all of the group facilitation for all of Congressman LaRocco's meetings on the wilderness this year and had a direct hand in shaping the bill. I'm sure you will find him very knowledgeable about Idaho wilderness.

I appreciate your understanding my view that our credibility depends on our being as "wilderness dependent" as possible and establishing a high standard of respect for wilderness in all our operations. If you have any disappointed clients that want to do something inappropriate, such as showing a generator-driven slide show, I will be glad to take the rap for maintaining the standard. We are steadily building credibility for our operations and I appreciate the positive role you have had.

I'm getting a lot of positive feedback about my imminent job change. The director of communications for the university and his assistant visited me this week and said the Wilderness Research Center is possibly the highest, positive visibility program the university has and they are very interested in media education opportunities through the nation-wide network. I hope they can send a photographer with me on a VIP review of the Wilderness Discovery Program July 9-12. In



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any case, our discussion added a new dimension to my thoughts about what we might do with education, Jeff. We need to brainstorm.

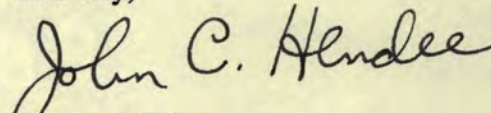
I had a great meeting with Provost Bell in which we agreed on a funding strategy for the Wilderness Research Center. He is very enthusiastic and serious in his commitment to build an outstanding university-wide program. He will be a big help to us. I want to visit Taylor Ranch with him in September and he's committed to do that. I will have Nancy work on the dates. I want it to be a special experience for him. He has been so supportive of our college and is very knowledgeable about our people and programs. I've never visited Taylor Ranch with him although we've planned to many times. He always gets called off to meet with the Board of Regents, the president, or on a task more important to keeping our university afloat.

I'm off this afternoon for Curlew, Washington with Ed Krumpe to take part in the debriefing for the second Wilderness Discovery trip. I didn't meet them in the wilderness over the weekend. Randy had called Fran to tell her they had to come out and take a new route. Their original route was very high so I'm sure they were getting snowed on. It should be an interesting debriefing. I meet with the steering committee of Job Corps staff for a debriefing after each trip. On the drive to Curlew I will have a chance to visit with Ed about the Big Creek campsite monitoring study and plans for the WRC. You will notice in your recent issue of "Frankly Speaking" that a consulting firm called Sustainable Decisions, Inc. of Moscow, Idaho was awarded the LAC contract. That firm consists of Laurie Matthews, Ed Krumpe, Bill McLaughlin, and Paul Cowels. Apparently the contract was designated as a small business set-aside sale so the bid couldn't be entered under the university's name since they are a big business. It may prompt some questions but I've briefed the provost and we are covering it with paperwork.

Thank you for all your efforts that made Clara Bleak's visit enjoyable, Jeff. I hope you and Jette have a great summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you again before it's over. However, what I'm finding is that for the next year I have two jobs. I want to turn the college over to a new dean in great shape. That means some real cutting back financially. I've always been very liberal about multi-year financing in order to get initiatives started. I submitted my financial plan to Dr. Bell yesterday and have his solid support, including building the Wilderness Research Center budget.

I'm looking forward to your want list for the summer and next year.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Joe Zimmer  
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Dear Joe:

It was good talking with you today and I'm glad we finally connected. I've set aside the dates in November, subject only to an irresistible hunt that I haven't heard about yet. I'm committed to chasing bucks in Washington state with Roger Contor but that is subject to drawings for some controlled hunts.

It looks like a busy year ahead as I will have all the duties of dean but I want to set the stage for a running start as director of the UI Wilderness Research Center. As we discussed, one of the things I want to do is have a retreat for the advisory committee, at Taylor Ranch, which is the heart of the wilderness research operation. Your willingness to facilitate that retreat is much appreciated and we can work out the financial details at a later date. More important now is giving you the opportunity to visit Taylor Ranch and explore the issues and opportunities represented there which are sure to be points of discussion in the retreat of the advisory committee. Per our discussion, your visit to Taylor Ranch will be at your own expense, but I'm alerting Jeff Yeo, and Nancy will help make the arrangements so that you will be able to spend some quality time with Jeff exploring the facilities. It would really be nice if Virginia could accompany you both to give you her perspective and to visit this wonderful place.

With a copy of this letter I'm informing Jeff Yeo that you will be arranging a trip. He will be very helpful in explaining the issues and opportunities and seeing that you get the complete tour of Taylor Ranch and the surrounding area, i.e. petroglyphs, house pits, Cabin Creek, Goat Creek Basin, Pioneer Creek campsites, and Rush Creek Lookout, if you have time.

After you become familiar with the research program, facility, and the current plan (enclosed) we can talk about how to structure the retreat to build a vision for the future and then address the policies essential to achieving that goal. Jeff has a good understanding of the wilderness and the ranch, and so does his wife Jette. You will also enjoy our two interns who I believe are especially great this year.

Sincerely,

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