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Dear Jim, Holly, Golda, and sundry livestock!

Oh dear--school has been over with for 2 weeks now, and I am just beginning to recover. My psyche is still back in early April (when my calendar was last turned!).

Suggested Changes on the sheet: The title for the entire project was "Settlement-Subsistence Systems in the Salmon River Mountains." The survey was one part of that. I was PI with Robbin Johnston and Fred Thomas as graduate assistants. Dates: Program ran 83, 84 and 85 with some supplemental work in the summers of 86 and 87. Everything good to the last paragraph, which I rewrite thusly:

The general conclusions for the project were, first, that the very strong correlation between the occurrence of house depressions and winter sheep range suggests that sheep were the economic determinant for winter residence location. Second, there is a good correlation between high elevation sites and Whitebark Pine habitat which suggests Whitebark pine nuts may have been an economic resource. Other high elevation sites were likely hunting camps. An overall conclusion is that the study area was used intermittently over long periods of time.

That looks to be about the right length. I am impressed with what your intern did with our reports!!!

Damn, I hope I can get in for a visit this summer. I will be in Hells Canyon for at least 5 weeks in July and August. Egad--its called "go where the money is, and right now the money is in Hells Canyon, not in the wilderness. And I have a possible project for the end of June. I'd rather be digging holes at Coyote Springs, to tell the truth.

If I can make it, I'll holler. Let me know how the new job application turns out.

Best regards--

*Frank*