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Dear Jim and Holly:

Thanks so much for your efforts toward a very successful visit to Taylor Ranch. We all had a wonderful time. The best part was getting better acquainted with both of you and that wonderful country. We got rained on early Saturday morning, but not enough to dampen our spirits.

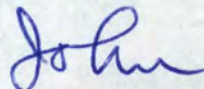
I want to compliment both of you on the outstanding job you are doing. I saw this reflected in the condition of the ranch, your enthusiasm and knowledge of the area, ideas for research and in the rapport you have established with peers and cooperators. Wilderness research at Taylor Ranch is ready to evolve to a new level thanks to hard work by you and others.

Just to show you what a small world it is, I will relate the following experience. At the Arts & Crafts Fair in McCall on Sunday we visited with a retired couple selling jewelry. They said they were related to Don, Ben and Lou Caswell who once lived at Caswell Crossing up Cave Creek and that they had the original daily diaries from that era and would be glad to share them with us. Their names are Gene and Freda Babbitt, 2570 South Locust Grove Road, Meridian, Idaho; Telephone 888-2429. I intend to look them up when I have a chance in Boise, but you should feel free to contact them too. The diaries would be especially valuable in compiling a human history of Lower Big Creek.

Thanks again for all of your efforts to make the visit so successful. Please know that your fine work the past four years is recognized and has made a great difference. It has helped create today's excellent opportunity to achieve the Taylor Ranch/Wilderness Research Center potential as the premiere field station of its kind. I will be following up on the items we discussed.

Enclosed are some items for your interest and use.

Best regards,



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