

Nov 23, 1985

Dear Ed:

How cold is it in Moscow? It was -4° here this morning! Hunting season is over tomorrow and Jim has been making rounds with the game warden, Walt Arms.)

We got a copy of Hendee's letter to Ray Arnett of NRA, and Michael sent us the Palouse Journal. Have you heard any responses from Hendee's letters or Jane's request for equipment for T.R. Have you gone over the 10 year plan, edited it and sent it to Tom Bell yet? We are anxious to receive his comments. Where does T.R. fit in the Q4E? Do we need to write up a Q4E or just fit in where departments want to use us? What is the status of the remote sensing proposal? Will it be sent to Schaid / Loughton for funding source? What have you heard on funding for yours & John's proposals? Will the foundation for N.A. Wild Sheep be coming in to Taylor Ranch soon? We've been seeing 60+ sheep, including big rams. Fish & Game will be coming in Dec 4-10 for a post season game count. Did housing / food service send their surplus list to you yet? Three other items we need are carpet, linoleum, and wall paper. I am enclosing an order for Montgomery Ward for "day bed" covers and mixing bowls. I would like to make a bed in the duplex & lab into a combination couch / bed for more versatility. I enclosed the catalog pages for descriptions; also a good price on glasses - I ordered a set for myself, but you might want some for the ranch too.

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Can you send the addresses of Carolina Biological Supply and a forestry supply catalog, so I can get catalogs to order lab equipment (dissecting scope, tape measures, forestry equipment, etc.).

We really need 2 sets of aerial photo stereo pairs from Monumental Cr. → Cold Mdw → Waterfall Cr → Dave Lewis Peak. If we can only afford one set now, we need a plastic coated field copy. I can send you a list of photos we already have (non plastic coated). We also need a lab and field set of full quads of the same area. Some of these costs are incorporated in the remote sensing proposal.

Has Terry Armstrong located any riding saddles? I am enclosing a camp gear wish list. Do you think the Outdoor Program has any used rental equipment they would like to donate or sell at a cheap price to Taylor Ranch? What about soliciting places like REI for donating or discounting camp gear. In Idaho there is a big tax deduction for individuals donating to public schools; there may be a tax break for out-of-state companies too - non profit organization.

We finished the 2 "heavy duty" bridges across Pioneer Cr. I ordered paint to repaint interiors of Arlow's. I also plan to paint the ceilings of Arlow's and the lab for brighter rooms. We have 6+ gallons of flat white paint stored in Arlow's root cellar.

Tim Koehler and 2 friends are done with packing camps. They flew in November 9th much later than was planned. This caused some problems which could have been avoided if schedules were followed. We had told the Fish & Game they could use the animals from Nov 10 to Nov 24. We loaned F&G our animals, Troy & Feather and Queenie & Lady and gave Tim Mya & the mules. Next year we need better guidelines for scheduling and following up on packing times. Jim and I want to be responsible for packing of 11 of I stock.

We are planning to be out over Christmas, Dec. 23rd to Jan. 1. We will let Pat know about our time off. We located a family to come in during that time, the Pattersons from McCall. Gary Patterson was in this fall doing some corrective shoeing on Feather. We would like to pay him \$100 for taking care of the stock - feeding, cleaning ice buildups off hooves, breaking out water hole; breaking ice jams to prevent flooding of airstrip; and keeping our cabin heated. Please let us know soon if this payment is OK.

Can you believe we already lost our water for the winter! We insulated ^{the} intake pipe with hay and buried a 10" exit pipe from the water box, and spent an hour every day keeping the ice out of the water box and pipes, but with negative degree weather we couldn't keep water flowing into the box. All of the cabins are drained and we are reluctantly getting used to hauling water again!

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