

A quick note from  
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Jim & Holly Aken

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Dear Jim & Holly

Thank you for your wonderful hospitality last Friday. Fran & I had a wonderful time. The coffee & sweet rolls & lunch were all the better for the atmosphere. I've been waiting a long time for my visit to Taylor Ranch. I just didn't believe it would be under such circumstances as Dean. I could feel your commitment and want you to know that I am committed too to seeing Taylor Ranch achieve its "appropriate" potential as part of the best wilderness research & teaching program in the world.

Reflecting on our visit and

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all the wilderness + roadless land we flew over I think there is tremendous potential + need for environmental monitoring + related research. Surely the River of No return + the related Idaho wilderness + roadless complex contains the most natural ambient conditions in the lower 48. That is a feature on which we need to seek research funds, as well as Jack O'Conner, Cougar Dose and the decedents of his clients etc. We need to think big about the future -- as well as appropriately for a wilderness research facility. The current planning will help us do that.

Please write or stop in anytime. I will be working closely with Bill

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and Ed. Keep growing in your abilities and vision for that is a key to our future too.

I will have copies made of the slides and they will be a great conversation piece about the Ranch & our Wilderness Research Center -- both in my office and our home. I look for your letter soon & will use it to advantage with the Sheep Foundation along with a picture or two. Jim keep writing & get a good slide talk ready.

Hope to see you on Nov 22-23.

Best regards

John Hendee

cc Bill M - Ed Trump