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Dear Dave:

The bills for Taylor Ranch occupancy will be sent this week. There is a standard form for on campus billings. In the future it will be best to bill closer to the event, but we didn't have a system in place this year.

With respect to the temporary permission to land on our landing strip, I know there is concern on both sides of the issue. Our permission to land was given to the Forest Service to grant to their legally allowed permittees (I believe there are two outfitters), but only pending the FS decision and action to fix Cabin Creek. This was an emergency action, temporary, and in no way changes our policy. Please refer any persons expressing concern to me or Dean Hatch.

The visit to TR with Alan Watson and Jaarko Saarinen was great. I'm glad you found the outfitter camp. I'm wondering if the trail went straight up the ridge. I'll look forward to seeing it in person. Looking for it added interest to our hike.

We are counting on you to make several presentations to classes or elsewhere, the week before Thanksgiving, about the Taylor Ranch internships. I'll speak to Scott and Eileen about helping. I don't have anyone lined up to cover for you yet that week, but will find someone. Scott will go in with two others during Thanksgiving week, and we are advertising for a student volunteer crew spring break.

With Carol Spain's and Alton Campbell's help, several faculty are developing course proposals for Taylor Ranch. We will propose four classes. One of them "Wilderness Experience and Wilderness Ecology" would be taught by the two of you with me as the faculty member of record. I'm working on the proposal with Carol, following the general model we discussed. To keep the cost down so we can attract teachers, I will receive no honorarium nor would Dave, but we are putting Stephanie in for an honorarium of \$400 for the week of

work. That's very modest but a start. I'll come in and do some intensive planning with you and training before the event. I'm also planning on you both participating in the training for the New Student Orientation Utilizing Wilderness Experience, August 7-9, 1997. You would teach the group hiking to Taylor Ranch (they will be leaving the Big Creek Trailhead, August 11) and conduct the orientation on wilderness en route to Taylor Ranch. We will also pay Stephanie \$400 for her time on this course. Hopefully these two teaching ventures and training will prepare you to return for additional courses in the future - and perhaps for other courses elsewhere.

I am talking with Scott Schriber about alternative ways we could finance him to replace you as resident manager, but do not have a firm plan at this time.

Please give some thought to what could be done by the work parties Thanksgiving week and Spring Break. Falling the tree over the Arlo Cabin is the plan for Thanksgiving, but could they also re-build the water box intake in Pioneer Creek? What materials are needed and what would they cost?

Keep up the good work and continue to stay in touch with your letters. Best regards to you, Stephanie and Taylor. I'll bet she is a bigger dog by now.

Sincerely,

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Director and Professor

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