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Subject: Poop sheet for Big Creek area

Dear John:

I tried to call you today following the Taylor Ranch educational meeting but you were out of the office. Since you will be out of the office a great deal for the next few weeks, I thought it might be easier to write to you.

Steve Bunting dropped by after our meeting, and made an excellent recommendation. He thought we should prepare some type of poop sheet or extended poop sheet that faculty could use in describing the natural resources or history of the Big Creek area. It would be particularly useful when a faculty member or grad student was leading the students on the three-day hike into Taylor Ranch. Steve suggested several things—a description of the geology, general history, Indian history, mining history, animal and wildlife habitat, ecosystems, flora and fauna, etc.

After thinking about Steve's suggestion, it occurred to me, that this might be a good project for Dave and Stephanie to do over the fall, winter, and spring. I don't see the college funding an assistantship for six months or a year to get this done. I think the most economical and logical way to do it is to have Dave and Stephanie do it within the framework of their normal duties. I assume that Dave and Stephanie are qualified and that they probably have the time to do it. They could hike the trail and make an outline of things to be covered. When they come out at Thanksgiving they could get the necessary resources to fill in the gaps.

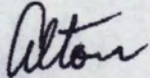
Let me know if this suggestion makes sense and if Stephanie and Dave would be willing to undertake this task. If not, we need to find another way to get it done.

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(I will have  
another letter  
going out to Dave*

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The poop sheet could be made available to the teaching faculty and to teaching assistants. If we are going to teach four courses there next summer, I feel we should get this done right away. John, let me know what you think.

Sincerely,



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P.S. I'm really excited by the enthusiasm expressed by the faculty and Chuck. I think if we spend a little money publicizing courses, we can make the academic program work.