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Dear Ruth,

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Taylor Ranch cooperators meeting. My impression from the meeting is that there are a number of opportunities for cooperation between USFS and Taylor Ranch.

It looks like we'll have sufficient funding to collect and analyze the multimedia resource samples for this fiscal year. For next year and subsequent years, challenge cost-share agreements may meet the needs of maintaining a long-term air quality monitoring program. I'll take another look at placing the climate monitoring station within the ranch boundaries. My guess is that placement will need to be about 20 feet outside the ranch boundary to collect quality data. I'll let you know and maybe we can work out an EA or MOU as you suggested. For the future, an additional station at higher elevation for comparison (e.g. Chamberlain or Cold Meadows) would allow us a better assessment of air quality in the Frank Church. I'll also get in touch with Dave Knell.

I've talked with Ed Krumpe about developing an LAC program for the Frank Church. He's interested and we can probably initiate a little bit of it this summer. He suggested that we use the same approach currently being used in the Selway-Bitterroot. There has been some surveys of campsites in Big Creek already, which he says the Payette FS has.?

I'll be interested in the outcome of your talks with the outfitters concerning vegetation restoration at Cabin Creek. I think we could make good use of our summer students and interns to help in that effort (e.g. reseeding, native plants replanting, monitoring, etc.).

I look forward to Patty Steiger's final summary of the Lanham cabin move and Cabin Creek restoration along with a list of the photos available covering the Cabin Creek end of the operation. I'll have slides made of some of them for our presentation at the wilderness conference this May. Dean Hendee and I will get a draft of the presentation to you and Sonny this spring for your input.

I'll be trying to follow up on as many of the suggestions made at the meeting as I can this spring. I think this summer is going to be very productive towards implementing the long-term research and teaching goals of the Taylor Ranch. (I also think I'm going to be very busy.) Please let me know about any other needs the Krassel District may have that we can help with.

Regards,

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