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Dear Bob:

Though we have never met in person, after visiting with Jess and Dorothy Taylor, I'm sure we share a common interest in the concept of natural ecosystems, wilderness and the cultural and historical value of the Taylor Ranch.

I met Jess and Dorothy Taylor for the first time early last fall at the Taylor Ranch. We visited for awhile and then got down to the serious business of historical documentation via taped interviews. Like yourself, we have amassed over six hours of tape, as well as another two hours of taped interviews of their nearest, early-day-upstream residents at Cabin Creek (Jean and Lester Curtis). These tapes have yet to be transcribed.

Dave Johnson accompanied me on one of my flights into the Ranch. At that time we (Jess, Dorothy, Dave and I) decided that it would be a good time for Dave to write an article about Jess and Dorothy Taylor and the integral part they played in the history of the Lower Big Creek Drainage and the surrounding area. Through these interviews (yours, ours and others) Dave Johnson was able to write two articles which were published in the last two issues of the University of Idaho's "Context"; the first dealing with "Wilderness History" and the second dealing with the Taylor Ranch, its purpose and management direction.

The latter article was decided on after Dave and I flew into the Taylor Ranch to visit, photograph and tape. The following morning we helped Jess backpack in a nice Mule Deer buck that he had bagged the afternoon before. That evening we shared their hospitality and an excellent dinner of deer ribs and cooked vegetables. At that time Jess and Dorothy agreed to the future article. Dave was very excited and completed the story in very short order to meet the layout deadline for "Context".

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Due to the lack of funding on the part of the College of Forestry, I will probably be on an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Loan from the University to the U.S.F.S. for either a nine month or one year period. During this period I will complete the field inventory and prepare a draft management plan for the Anaconda Pintlar Wilderness Area in southwestern Montana.

Hopefully the fiscal situation will look better next year and we can get on with the cultural aspect of wilderness and the Taylor Ranch in general and really get the ball rolling in applied research utilizing that excellent field laboratory.

I photocopied over 120 historical photographs on 2¼ x 2¼ format negatives and will forward contact print sheets later as time permits.

Hoping to make your acquaintance some time.

I remain,

Sincerely,

Richard I. Walker
Research Associate

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cc: Dean Ehrenreich
Ken Sowles ✓
Jess Taylor
Dave Johnson