

27 May 1982

TO: President Gibb  
FROM: Ernest D. Ables, College of FWR  
SUBJECT: Taylor Ranch Facilities

I have received a request from Professor Hornocker to house his research team in the cabin now occupied by the Hourihans. This seems reasonable to me. However, the question of where to house the new caretaker arises. The Arlow Lewis cabin is extremely small and suitable for just one person. Jess Taylor's cabin would be an excellent choice for the caretaker, especially if he has a family which will probably be the case.

I don't know whether or not Dorothy Taylor is prepared to turn over the Taylor cabin to us. However, if you agree with our proposal Professor Hornocker and I will proceed and try to obtain permission.

Dorothy Taylor asked the Hourihans by letter for some of her things in the Taylor cabin. The problem is that neither the Hourihans nor I have a key. Is it possible to obtain a copy, or to borrow your key?

Sincerely,

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Associate Dean/Academics

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To E. Ables  
From M. Hornocker  
Subject TAYLOR RANCH FACILITIES



University of Idaho  
Inter-Office Memorandum

Date 26 May 1982

Our bobcat research, headquartered at the Taylor Ranch, requires two people in the field during fall and winter and most of the summer. Housing for two people at the Taylor Ranch was less than ideal this past winter season. There was not room enough for Gary Koehler and his assistant in the Arlow Lewis cabin, where the only cooking facilities are located. This required occupying one end of the duplex as well as the Arlow Lewis cabin. This is not an efficient arrangement as two fires must be maintained, thus consuming twice as much fuel, and in general making living conditions more complicated, difficult and less comfortable.

I request that the present caretaker's cabin be made available to my project. Quarters there are ample for even 3 or 4 persons to live and work comfortably and efficiently. I know from years of experience that it is extremely important, particularly in winter, to have a base camp where one has "elbow room" and efficiency. There is scarcely room, literally, to turn around in the kitchen of the Arlow Lewis cabin.

I suggest that the Taylor house be made the caretaker's quarters. It sets apart from the other buildings, giving it the privacy of a home. It also has a clear view of the trailhead and the airfield, an advantage when the public visits. Further, it is likely to remain in better repair if occupied by someone who takes care of it.

I further suggest that the duplex be maintained for short-term use and for visitors. Kitchen facilities in the present outfitter's building could be utilized, assuming the University acquires those buildings.

Our bobcat research is funded for three more years, and there is a possibility we will work an additional three years. This research is a year-round effort. I have plans for research on other species in the area as well, and just yesterday discussed some of these projects with the Director of the Fish and Game Department. I want to make our efforts as efficient as possible and hope you give favorable consideration to my request.

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