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Dr. Jeff, Jette and Mathias Yeo
Taylor Ranch
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Dear Jeff, Jette & Mathias:

Thanks again for letting John, Mary and I camp at the ranch, rattlesnakes and all! Thanks, too, for the cake. I hope that you had a great "real" birthday. We all envy your summer residence, and I regret that I haven't made it in sooner. Being on the Forest for 16 years I should have visited it all but can't ever seem to find the time. I must have my priorities wrong. I enjoyed the opportunity to see the Taylor vicinity, and if Grandpa Marty is in soon, please thank him for me for his role in pushing for what the "Frank" is today.

I will encourage and support the District's efforts to manage the Wilderness based on sound scientific information and believe that your facility should play a key role. I'll try to facilitate as much dialogue as possible about the ecology of Big Creek. I think that we really need to look hard at the potential changes in Big Creek caused by the Cabin Creek stream alterations. Even the USGS maps are not old enough to reflect changes in the stream channel brought about by the channelization at Cabin Creek. Features, like islands, upstream of the ranch seem odd in a stream so confined by the canyon. Old photography, and repetition of the 1938-1942 surveys may lead us to a decision about whether major stream channel restoration at Cabin Creek is warranted.

In that regard I think that you could assist us with studies, but we might want to work out a memorandum of understanding. We have some expertise that might assist you with control of airstrip erosion, keeping trails fit for your student's long research treks, and other activities. Similarly your students skill's, and the researchers you attract may be of benefit to us. I urge you to keep an open mind about what an agreement might contain, because, while some of us Forest types may seems gruff we just take a little time to warm up to.

If you are out in McCall, please stop by and let's visit! I would enjoy an opportunity to discuss potential projects with you and Krassel District folks.

Sincerely,

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