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Dear Ken:

I'm sorry I missed the program at Salmon but I appreciate your calling to indicate that the directors would not be available. Needless to say I found plenty to do here in Moscow.

I had quite a list of things to talk with you about, but only the campsite inventory rings true now.

Campsite Inventory on Big Creek:

The inventory we plan will include specific measurements of denuded areas and other measures that will allow specific, measured changes over time. This is different from the LAC inventory which only includes condition class estimates. The LAC approach is a good tool for management, of course, but the measured approach which seeks to attain a research standard will be much more sentitive. In the long run having both kinds of inventories in the stystem will be very useful. You might think about the research approach as potentially anchoring your overall campsite inventory system and it will help you interpret the LAC campsite information.

Sincerely,

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