

MEMORANDUM
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TO: Hi Jeffrey

SUBJECT: visit to ranch

Okay, we're scheduled to drift your way 22 July, we'll fly out of Cascade at 0800 hours. We plan to be in there thru the 28th give or take. Is it okay if Tom Stephenson comes in with us? I'm hoping that what with your class disappearing about that date that there will be a bit of room for him. We can use his help with the plots! Also, I would like to invite Susan Bernatas, one of Fred Johnson's former graduate students that I met at the McCall summer camp, to come in on the 26th and out on the mail plane next day. She is now a senior biologist for Science Applications International Corporation out of Boise, and has a contract to look at sheep habitat in the Owyhees. She wants me to provide her with some help to examine range conditions. I would like to get her oriented a little to what we are up to and would like to have her look at our plots on the benches and discuss the rationale we are using to do that work.

not okay. Let me know if this is

I had quite a little talk with Mike and Brian in McCall the day after I flew in with the Austrian. I told Brian that this was the first time I felt I was dealing with a graduate student who was not really intellectually engaged with his project, and that if he did not find the time to get information on it, he had no one to blame but himself. Further, he was in danger of letting a lot of people down, including Mike, if he didn't get on the ball. Mike didn't try to defend him, and Brian was a pretty subdued person after that. I don't know if he'll get cracking or not, but I am certainly disinclined to put good money to work on another field season beyond next winter unless he really shapes up. I think he'll have to make a decision about what he wants to do after the summer. If he comes in without much information, I am going to encourage him to switch out of the program and try to become a CO. I think he is more suited personality-wise for that sort of thing anyway. We'll see what he does, but this may become a real mess if he doesn't shape up. He said he pretty well cleared things up with you, and I hope so.

Thanx a bunch for taking care of Irene, it sounds like she had the good time she should have had. I had them drive her to Riggins and I hope Trish found her!

Hang in there.

