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Dear John:

I returned your call last Thursday, the 19th, but somehow missed getting in touch. I wanted to discuss with you the various points in your March 24 letter. I will offer the following explanations and look forward to calling you when you return on May 26th.

Financial Deficit from the FC-RONRW Vision Conference

I think we share concerns in terms of obligations and ability to balance all accounts from the FC-RONR Wilderness Symposium partnership venture. I am working this fiscal year to relieve carry-over deficit to my coordination program, much of which resulted from costs of jointly sponsoring the Symposium.

I am somewhat embarrassed that we have had such a difficult time in even agreeing on the amount of deficit that may be due the University. After consulting with Administrative Officer Jim Sustaire, and with lead Forest Supervisor Chuck Wildes we agree that at this time the best approach to resolution of this issue is for the University to file a tort claim against the government. If you have any questions regarding the process for submitting such a claim please contact Jim at (208) 756-5113. We will be glad to process your claim, and reimburse the University the amount determined through that process.

no way JH

Forest Service Funded Internship

There are considerable opportunities for improved coordination and partnerships between the Taylor Ranch Wilderness field station and the Forest Service. The shared funding of an intern is certainly possible, once we have agreed on the priority for work accomplishment and information needs. Since the Forest Service is in the second year of gathering campsite inventory and condition information for the Limits of Acceptable Change process the



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*Ed - a short statement from your
may help but my view is that we will
measure denuded area etc. & they are only
estimating condition class. Our measurements will
be more sensitive to
impact of
use.*

suggested campsite inventory on Big Creek may be a duplication of efforts. On the other hand the data collected by an intern may compliment the Forest Service effort. Based on my current lack of understanding regarding the Big Creek inventory effort and type of information being gathered I am not sure which scenario is correct. Your recommendation to "keep talking" is key to reaching some agreements on this. Perhaps this subject could be discussed when we meet at Camp Bradley in June.

John

University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center

As we discussed, the FC-RONR managers meeting will provide a good opportunity to meet with and update the Directors regarding the vision for expansion of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center. I am enclosing the most current copy of the agenda for the FC-RONR managers meeting. There are at least two options for the timing of your presentation and subsequent discussions; that being a follow up to the special presentation by Jeff Yeo on Thursday night, June 9, or perhaps after lunch on Friday.

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JH*

John, I appreciate your sending the overview on the Wilderness Discovery program. I and others would appreciate seeing the video on that program as well.

I will plan on calling you May 26, so that we can discuss these topics further, and firm up the plans for meeting with the Directors.

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JH*

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

