

31 August 1981

Bob Plummer
Bob's Aircraft
Challis, Idaho 83226

Dear Mr. Plummer:

It has been brought to my attention that you have been flying parties into the Taylor Ranch. May I remind you that this is a University of Idaho field research facility and is not open to the public. It is especially not a place for someone to leave a party of people uninvited and unannounced.

Con and Tina Hourihan have a hunting concession based at the Taylor Ranch and they have our permission to bring in clients. Everyone else must obtain permission from the University.

We don't wish to seem like unfriendly neighbors, but I believe you will understand that we can't allow the Taylor Ranch to become a public recreation spot.

Please contact me should you have business at the Taylor Ranch and thus have a reason for landing there.

Sincerely,

Ernest D. Ables
Associate Dean/Academics

EDA/crh
cc: Con and Tina Hourihan

TAYLOR RANCH



OUTFITTERS

IDAHO BIG GAME HUNTING

Con & Tina Hourihan c/o Taylor Ranch Cascade, ID 83611 PHONE: (208) 879-2372 via 2-way radio

Aug. 25th

Dear Ernie,

Just a note to bring you up to date on things here at the ranch. Sure hot & dry mostly.

I wonder if you would contact a ^{Bob Plumer} Mr. Bob Plumer of Challis ID and explain to him that the Taylor Ranch is a private air-strip. He is an aircraft mechanic that does do some flying and has dropped private partys here when we were off some-where else on the ranch. The party was from CA and very nice folks, but explained they didn't realize the Taylor Ranch was private. I really think the pilot was in the wrong on this one.

The other thing I wanted to check with you on was re-fencing the horse pasture. The old fence is just beyond fixing much more. Also I think the steel posts and barbed wire leave people with a bad impression of the Taylor Ranch. We have asked some of the forest service people about pole cutting permits but they say it won't be granted.

About the only other alternative left to us that wouldn't cost an excessive amount is rock. We seem to have plenty of that right on the ranch. Also I ran into a fellow that lives back here, and has worked for Mackey Bar for a number of years, that would be willing to build the fence for us. He is very good at rock work, built fireplaces etc while at Mackey Bar. I showed him the field we wanted fenced and he was very enthused and asked me to contact you. I asked him what he would need for wages and he said minimum wage would be fine with him. He also said if there were any work-study students he'd be glad to work with them. ~~also~~. His one stipulation was that his lady "Nancy" came with him. I don't believe you'd need to pay her though.

In the long run a rock fence over there would be the cheapest. Once it was built there would never be any upkeep or replacement work. Let us know if we can encourage Will on this project or to tell him to look elsewhere for work.

Everything else is going along pretty smoothly. Getting short of water for irrigating but that's to be expected. Let us know if there is anything you'd like us to do special on this end.

Sincerely
 Con + Tina