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Dear DeVlieg Foundation Board:

We thank you for all that you have done for Taylor Wilderness Research Station over the last 10 years. Your financial contributions and support have created significant growth in the quality and quantity of innovative educational programs at Taylor Ranch through distinctive experiences for undergraduates and graduate students and incentives that have attracted scientists to initiate research programs from the station. You have truly made a difference in the lives of over 30 students whose graduate and undergraduate research you have sponsored since 1999. You have also funded 15 field trips, workshops, and short courses at Taylor Ranch, providing opportunities for a wide range of students and visitors to engage directly in the study of the ecology of the central Idaho wilderness. You have strengthened our field station data base through financial support to complete long-term data collection for two 20-year studies and you provided funds for data management which have led to the completion of the TWRS bibliography and development of a data management framework. The DeVlieg Cabin is a beautiful testament to your generosity, aiding in station recovery following the loss of facilities from the forest fire and providing exceptional wilderness accommodations for students and scientists.

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Sincerely,

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