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Date: August 18, 1999

Holly and Jim Akenson  
HC-83, Taylor Ranch  
Cascade, ID 83611

Dear Holly and Jim:

Greetings from Salmon. The summer has been flying by and this is the first opportunity I've had to get a letter out to you.

Enclosed please find a copy of the hitch report that two of the SCA volunteers put together from our work time in Big Creek. I've also enclosed some information about Rush Skeletonweed, as I do not know if it is a species you've dealt with before. It is especially pernicious, primarily because of its windborne seed heads.

I would appreciate a copy of the Goat Creek data that you have collected throughout the year. I look forward to hearing from you and hope your summer has gone well.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Klimek





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*Jim/Holly,  
Here is a copy of  
what Andy Klemick  
sent me on the SEAT  
project on lower BC  
Any luck with your  
maps and a final  
write up.  
Hope you're enjoy-  
ing the fall  
Patti*

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GOAT CREEK KNAPWEED PROJECT

CONTROL ACTIONS

Field Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time Start	Time End	Total Hours	Size of area Controlled (m <sup>2</sup> )	Describe Control Area	Comments
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Total hours = # people x hours

Describe Control Area from center point, for example: 180-220 m west

Comments may include % pulled; difficulties; or observations