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Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 2:24 PM
Subject: Re: update from Colden

Hello Jim and Holly, (cc., Janet and Wayne)

Thanks for sending my shoes! I hope you folks enjoyed the holidays, and that your remaining pets are hanging in there.

I spoke with Terry Bowyer, as well as Richard Inouye (interim dept. head and head of graduate research), Dave Delehanty, and Chuck Peterson about the DeVlieg Graduate Research Assistantship. Not surprisingly, they were excited at the news. As I stated during our visit, my main concern is that we make this first go-round a success so the assistantship can have the effect you and Janet have envisioned. It was not my intention to commandeer these resources. That said, Terry and Richard both suggested that I would actually be the person best situated to make this work well the first time. I have a research plan (related to the land-water ecosystem connections we had discussed), I have the matching funds and equipment, I have the time myself, and I now have several very well-qualified student applicants (including Chris McDaniel) who could start this summer. In addition, I have been communicating with Jeff Braatne at UI, who has spoken with Janet and plans to submit a proposal for work that would be collaborative and complementary.

As I told Janet when we talked by phone several days ago, I have been working hard to submit a proposal to NSF (just turned in this morning) that if funded might also involve work in Big Creek. In addition, I am getting ready for teaching this semester. However, I will get you a proposal to read by the end of the month. Of course, the decision rests with you folks. I will be interviewing my top student candidates over the next few weeks, but will inform them that the funding is still pending.

Also, as we discussed, I would like to bring my graduate stream ecology class into Taylor Ranch later this spring. I have 5 masters students enrolled at present. Jeff Braatne has also offered to come in and assist with this field trip. You mentioned that there may be travel grants I could apply for to help defray flight costs for the students. It would be great if you could let me know how I should proceed on that front.

This spring and summer hold exciting prospects. I'm looking forward to it!

Sincerely,

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From: "Colden Baxter" <baxtcold@isu.edu>
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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2005 2:46 PM
Subject: Re: Flathead Lake Collaboration

Hello Holly and Jim,

I could make a meeting on 2/21 or 2/22. I could not do 2/10 or 2/11 as I will be teaching those days. If we could arrange a meeting with Jack and Art I think that would be great. If others (e.g., Ric Hauer, Mark Lorang, Bonnie Ellis) are around and would like to participate, that would be a bonus. Topics to discuss might include collaborative efforts in education, inter-ecoregion comparative research projects, and networked long-term monitoring and data sharing (i.e., NEON-type efforts). Talk to you again soon.

—Colden

P.S. Did you get my previous (1/7) email update? I've had a few brushes with computer voodoo, so was wondering.

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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2005 3:19 PM
Subject: RE: Flathead Lake Collaboration

I am available except: the first week in Feb, last week in March and first week in April. My field season starts to ramp up in early May—depending on the weather!

Katy

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From: Taylor Ranch [mailto:tayranch@direcpc.com]
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2005 12:37
To: Colden Baxter; Jeff Braatne; Katy Kavanagh
Subject: Flathead Lake Collaboration

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Subject: RE: Flathead, bibliography, assistantship

Hi Holly:

Thanks for note ~ glad to see things moving in these various directions...I just learned that my surgery will be postponed until later this month (1/31), so I'll now be out of commission during month of February ~ and probably not up for traveling until early March or so...However, don't let me be a barrier to your going ahead w/mtg in early February ~ You'll also need to coordinate w/Flathead Lake group too (so a lot of folks to juggle). The last time I spoke w/Jack Stanford & Ric Hauer there weren't going to be around in early February (but that was couple months ago and travel plans tend to change w/time) ~ if mtg is later, let me know...thanks, jeff

ps: Had good talk w/Colden this week, so will hopefully have draft on DeVlieg MSc Fellowship to Janet next week...

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Hi Jeff,

We do need to set the date for our meeting at Flathead Lake Biological Station. I think you, Katy Kavanagh, and Jim and I are interested in participating from UI and Colden Baxter and possibly Wayne Minshall would also like to meet with Jack Stanford and Art McKee at Flathead Lake. This is an optimal time to seek collaboration between TRFS and FLBS, with NEON coming online and the already established professional relationships among all of us with interconnected interests. Jim and I would like to see the meeting at Flathead B.S. scheduled for the later part of Feb 7-11 week if possible. We will be in Moscow Feb 14-18 to hire students and make presentations. If we meet at Flathead the week before we will not have to make a separate flight and road trip from Taylor Ranch. We are expecting John Seidensticker from Smithsonian at Taylor Ranch during the week of February 21 and we are going to be in New Zealand the month of March. So secondary, but less desirable dates for Flathead would be prior to the New Zealand trip (March 1 or 2) or Feb 21 if we can get John to delay his trip to TRFS a day or 2. How does your schedule look? Do you want to set up this meeting date?

Regarding the Taylor Ranch bibliography, thanks for looking into graduate student assistance. I had discussed the formatting of an interactive database with Lisa Garrett and she suggested seeking a contract with a Park Service person who had done this for the Park Service - to set up the data base. We have some DeVlieg Foundation funds to pay for this service. A graduate student could search for/collect publications from the Internet and enter bibliographic information. Janet Pope volunteered to collect publications from Taylor Ranch and scan documents into pdf if not already available that way. So lets move forward on that. Another document that needs to be completed prior to some NSF proposals is to develop a written "Data Management Plan" for the field station that outlines data storage, ownership and use issues. Have you been involved with writing or using a data management plan? Do you know what FLBS does?

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