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Dear Dean Hendee:

Dr. Roger Soles has passed on to me your letter to George Furness concerning the potential of making use of the University of Idaho's Wilderness Research Center as a potential baseline monitoring site. For the last 11 years, I have been conducting research on the establishment of such sites on a global basis, and have sites operating in Chile and in Olympic National Park, and have investigated the Noatak National Preserve in Alaska. The idea of a baseline site in the central Idaho mountains is very intriguing.

We here at the INEL are in the process of increasing our working relationships with the University of Idaho. I personally am very supportive of that goal. Therefore, I would like to express my strong endorsement for your concept, and would like the opportunity of getting together with you or key members of your staff to discuss future developments. Please contact me if you would like to pursue this further.

Sincerely,

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