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DR. J. CHRISTOPHER BERNABO President

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Dr. Ed Krumpe, Director Wilderness Research Center University of Idaho Moscow, ID 83843

Dear Dr. Krumpe:

You are invited to attend the Protocol Refinement Workshop for measurements in western wilderness areas. The workshop begins with a reception on the evening of June 18 and will end at 5:00 pm on June 19, 1986 at the Hilton Harvest House Hotel in Boulder, CO. This activity is part of SPA's project for the U.S. Forest Service entitled " Protocols for Establishing Physical, Chemical, and Biological Baselines for High-Elevation Natural Ecosystems". We thought you would be interested in this project because the protocols we are developing will be important in future air quality determinations (such as PSD permitting) throughout the western United States.

The purpose of this meeting is to widen the sphere of participation in reviewing and refining the first draft protocols. We are now at a critical stage of this one and a half year project where it is appropriate to seek the involvement of a larger group of people who have specific interests in the development and use of such protocols. This meeting will form a core of involved opinion leaders to contribute during the final consensus-building phase - a public meeting in early December 1986. Consensus building among diverse stakeholders and other interested parties is an important component of this project. Involving key industry, state, federal, and environmental groups prior to the public review meeting will allow productive interaction, and enable us to address your technical concerns early in the process.

The scientists on this project are divided into work groups for each of the areas--atmospheric, soils and geology, aquatics, and vegetation. Enclosed is a brief description of the project with a project schedule and list of participants. Also enclosed is a list of other invitees to this important meeting.

As described, the project is divided into 5 tasks. We are presently in Task 3 - the first draft of the protocols. Before continuing with the development of the protocols document itself and an open public review, we feel a smaller, more focused meeting of invited participants will greatly enhance the quality and usefulness of the protocols. We are inviting you to participate in this meeting as part of the protocols development process. We believe your views and perspective will contribute to the effort to produce a credible and useful tool for the Forest Service and other groups involved in air quality decision making.

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Please call me or Betsy Hood at SPA to confirm your plans to attend this meeting, or if you have any questions. You may call the Hilton Harvest House collect at 303-443-3850 for room reservations. Reservations must be made before June 2; please specify that you are attending the "Forest Service Protocol Workshop" when you make your reservations. An agenda, review materials, and further information on the meeting will be sent after you have confirmed your attendance.

If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to suggest to us someone else from your organization. If you know of another organization or person not included on the list of invitees who would be interested in this project, please let us know.

Sincerely,

J. Christopher Bernabo President

Enclosures

cc: Doug Fox, USFS Betsy Hood, SPA