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Subject Cliff Wood Progress Report

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Attached find a copy of M.S. Candidate Wood's thesis progress report. This project was initially submitted to STAR for funding but was rejected. I subsequently agreed to fund the project through the Wilderness Research Center from salary monies released by the Seal grant. By agreement the project is joint between the Department of Geography and the Wilderness Research Center.



To Drs. Caldwell, Erickson and Mr. Allen

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Subject Thesis Progress Report

Date 20 August 1971

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A total of twenty-six field days were spent in gathering data for the thesis, Decision-making in Boundary Determination and Location: A Case Study of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area, financially supported by the Wilderness Research Center, University of Idaho.

The first seven days were spent in Missoula, Montana making a thorough study of the United States Forest Service files regarding the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area. This task included reading several hundred lengthy documents dating from the establishment of the Selway-Bitterroot Primitive Area in 1936 up to the present. The material reviewed constitutes the core of the thesis and the material collected is currently being evaluated, sorted by topic as per the thesis outline, and transcribed from recordings in some cases where tapes were used. A number of documents which were quite valuable, but lengthy, were supplied by Mr. Edward Slusher of Region One, USFS.

The researcher spent the remaining field time examining the major access points to the Wilderness. These points were selected on the basis of the roads which enable one to drive to within a few miles of the Wilderness boundary. These points provide the public with good jumping-off points for wilderness trips, and are quite heavily used for that specific purpose. The primary concern here was in observing the method of demarcation and to ascertain whether the marker was accurately placed. Among the areas investigated were:

- 1) Elk Summit, Idaho
- 2) Fred Burr Reservoir, Montana
- 3) Twin Lakes, Montana
- 4) North Fork Sheephead Creek, Montana
- 5) Paradise Guard Station, Idaho
- 6) Running Creek, Idaho
- 7) Indian Hill Lookout, Idaho
- 8) Big Fog Saddle, Idaho
- 9) Lochsa Face, Idaho
- 10) Wilderness Gateway, Idaho

Problems encountered were few. The biggest, however, was the fact that summer is the field season for most Forest Service personnel and a few people were not available for interviews. The researcher, however, is pursuing the matter by written communications.

At present worksheet compilation is underway for the various maps planned for the thesis. The map type (lettering) will be ordered from a Texas firm in the next few weeks. Upon arrival of some scribing tools now on order, actual map construction will commence.

In the meantime the literature search, begun prior to leaving for the field, will continue. Sorting and evaluating of the gathered information also continues.

The target date for completion of the first rough draft of the text is mid-November.