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Dear Mr. Bottger:

I would like to suggest initiating action that would recognize and define operating parameters for the uses and activities that link the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center's Taylor Ranch field station and the surrounding National Forest System lands.

This particular issue of coordination and the need for a formal approach has been discussed in the past with the current managers/caretakers (Jim & Holly Akenson) of Taylor Ranch.

I suggest that a starting point could be the mutual development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would comprehensively and clearly identify the many linkages and define needed coordination/communication. The MOU could address necessary follow-up activities such as obtaining or maintaining approvals, or perhaps developing supplemental operating agreements. The MOU itself could not and would not be an authorizing instrument, but would provide a comprehensively stated framework for how specific items of mutual interest would be handled.

I would suggest addressing the following.

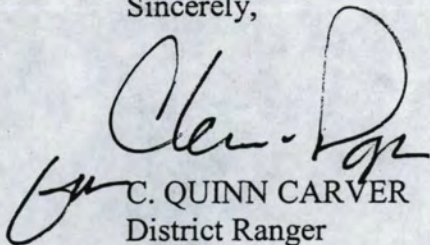
- Forest Service trail & bridge maintenance within the Taylor Ranch property boundaries
- Procedures for Forest Service administrative use of the Taylor Ranch airstrip
- Framework for the Forest Service to request and receive Taylor Ranch support to Forest Service management activities, in terms of such things as: housing or other uses of the Taylor Ranch infrastructure, packing & stock support, monitoring/inventory assistance for weeds, trails, recreation use ...
- Operations at the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center's Taylor Ranch field station that occur on National Forest system lands:
 - Firewood gathering
 - Post/pole cutting
 - Grazing of pack & saddle stock
 - Gates & fencing on Forest Service trail or National Forest System (NFS) land
 - Water diversions on NFS land
- Education and research activities sponsored/supported by U of I that occur on the NFS land
- Opportunities for the development of mutual programs for training/education



The initial goal would be to comprehensively recognize the existing linkages between the Forest Service and Taylor Ranch, and as appropriate, define the appropriate mechanism for recognizing these linkages. For example, in terms of U of I sponsored research or education activities taking place on the NFS land, I anticipate the "MOU" would recognize the need for a Permit/Operating Plan that would define the operating parameters for those research and educational activities, including annual submission of an activity schedule for that particular year.

I appreciate you attention to this issue. And look forward to hearing from you or your designated representative at the earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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CC:

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Dear Erin

Enclosed is the trail easement for the USA to construct and maintain trails and bridges on property owned by the Board of Regents for the University of Idaho at Taylor Ranch in Valley County. Please have this document recorded and a copy of the recorded document returned to me at the address given above. It is also my understanding from our previous discussions that you will terminate the other existing trail easements located on UI property and provide us with appropriate verification of that termination.

I appreciate all your help in completing this document, your considerable patience, and look forward to working with you on other projects of interest to the University and the Payette National Forest.

Sincerely

Gerard Billington
Real Estate Officer

C: Richard Bottger, Director of Administrative Services, College of Natural Resources
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Jim & Holly
I will send you a copy
of the recorded document
when it is available. Thanks
for your help.
Gerard