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Inter-Office Memorandum

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Subject Undergraduate Research Proposals

Date April 16, 1976

I have reviewed the undergraduate proposals submitted for funding by the Wilderness Research Center. Based on undergraduate criteria, I would rate the studies as follows on a scale of 10:

Thurrow (<u>Peromyscus</u>)	8
Gimbel (<u>Marmots</u>)	5
Wilson (<u>Bryophytes</u>)	4
Peck (<u>Citellus</u>)	3

As the proposals are now written, I would recommend funding only the study proposed by Thomas Thurrow. I have reservations about the Gimbel study because he proposes to study marmots in the disturbed area of the pasture. It seems strange to go to a wilderness to study a species in a disturbed setting. The Bryophyte study may be worthwhile, but the proposal has not presented sufficient justification to satisfy me. The ground squirrel study has merit, in my opinion, but the proposal needs refinement and increased specificity. This latter study and student would seem to require close supervision if meaningful results are to be expected. If close supervision could be assured, I would rank this study as 5 or 6.

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THE WILDERNESS RESEARCH CENTER
COLLEGE OF FORESTRY, WILDLIFE AND RANGE SCIENCES

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER STUDY

UNDER A STUDENT WILDERNESS STUDY PROGRAM

Undergraduate independent study in the Idaho Primitive Area

\$600 honorarium plus expenses

Academic course credit

Undergraduates in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences who are interested in spending a summer conducting independent research of their own choosing are invited to submit a research proposal to the Dean, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, for summer field studies at the Taylor facility in the Idaho Primitive Area. Proposals may cover any area of natural resource management/ecology. Awards will be made on a competitive basis to persons submitting the best proposals. Proposals will be judged by a faculty committee on innovation, literature search, detail in methods used, potential for attainment of objectives, and educational value. The emphasis may be resource and/or sociologically oriented.

Students whose proposals are approved will receive academic course credit under FWR 499 (directed studies in fisheries, forest, range, recreation, and wildlife sciences) upon completion of the summer work and acceptance of a research report. Food, housing, air travel to and from the Taylor facility, and most equipment will be provided. An honorarium of \$600 will be awarded. Interested students are urged to discuss ideas with advisors and other faculty.

Deadline for submitting proposals will be April 1, 1976.