

Plans and Proposals:

Hendee reviewed status of plans and proposals for funding, staffing and location of WRC offices. Since our meeting, I've learned officially from the Provost that the proposal to locate the WRC offices adjacent to the Resource, Recreation and Tourism department in CFWR (but with its own external entrance) has been approved by the President's Space Council. Remodeling will begin in the spring and we hope to be operating from there by early summer. There will be a director's office, lobby area for visitors and secretary, and work space for research associate and two or three graduate students, depending on design (three offices total space). Ed Krumpe's office will be right across the hall, and Jeff Yeo's just down the hall, so it will give a focal point for WRC operations. My commitment remains steady to emphasize the WRC as a campus wide center and program. Location in CFWR was deemed appropriate because of the long-standing affiliation of the WRC with the college and the CFWR Experiment Station. The proposal for funding and staffing has not yet been approved. I'm not kidding myself—most of our programs will be built the Idaho way (on soft money).

NSF Research Experience for Undergraduate Programs:

Idaho has been encouraged to apply for this NSF program under which \$2.7 million were awarded last year to support 600 students in hands-on research experience. This program has provided a lot of support for minorities; sharing and feedback from students are part of the experience. Following a good discussion, a sub-committee was appointed to develop a plan for preparing a proposal. Jeff Yeo, Ernie Ables, and Carlos Schwantes were appointed as a sub-committee to develop the proposal development plan. At the next meeting we will consider their ideas and develop an action plan to proceed, perhaps with additional sub-committee members.

Distinguished Wilderness Lecture:

Bill Reffalt, formerly with the Fish and Wildlife Service and Wilderness Society, will deliver the lecture, Thursday, March 3, 1994 on "A Vision for Wilderness in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuges". Bill will arrive Wednesday PM and remain through most of Friday to meet with students, classes and others. Krumpe has a Thursday class on Wilderness Impacts; the student wilderness issues colloquium will be contacted, etc.

Rededication/Celebration of WRC:

In conjunction with this topic, ideas were discussed for a rededication of the Wilderness Research Center. Ernie Ables pointed out that 1994 marks the 25th anniversary since the Taylor Ranch was purchased upon the urging of Paul Dalke and Maurice Hornocker. Dedication/Celebration events will be planned for next fall (the week of September 12 is emerging as the potential "Wilderness Week") with campus wide special events including speakers, special activities, a workshop of a blue ribbon panel, film festival, special lectures, etc.

Harry Peterson (and subsequently Kathy Barnard) will give support from UI communications for such an event and will be featuring publicity about the re-emphasis being giving the Wilderness Research Center. The May issue of the Alumni News will feature the center and the re-emphasis being given by re-establishing a full-time director, something the center has not had since 1982. I will be meeting soon with Provost Bell, President Zinser and Kathy Barnard to get the President's blessing and involvement in these events. More discussion on this at future meetings.

Summer Field Courses:

*WLF/Res Rc 305* (3 credits) will be offered over a 2 week period again this summer in cooperation with SF State University. Maximum of 12 students, with half from UI if we get the registration.

Proposed short course with Duke not clear yet.

Internships Next Summer:

- one research internship, 3 credits, \$1,500.
- two Taylor Ranch operations/research support internships, \$2,500 each

All of these interns will be selected by committee—discussion next meeting.

- Peter Preston and wife will be volunteer interns at Taylor Ranch next summer—Peter will help on campsite inventory under supervisor Ed Krumpe; Peter's wife (daughter of former RNRW outfitter) will cook a few meals.
- A trails/campsite impact monitoring internship in cooperation with the Forest Service has been proposed.

This means that potentially 6 people including Jeff, Jette and son (Mathias) will be at Taylor Ranch most of the summer.

In addition, there will be two graduate students working from the field station for most of the summer.

Discussion of WRC Advisory Committee—Roles and Memberships:

- Need strong executive level internal (UI) committee: Dale Gentry and Jim Morris suggested.
- External - Executive level advisory committee (state, regional, national) should grow out of strategic plan (John Hunt).
- Agency, public interest groups, such as Wilderness Society and ICL (Harry Peterson).
- Corresponding members to list on letterhead.
- Friends of the WRC?
- Suggested names—Cecil Andrus, Al Gore, Jimmy Carter, George Frampton, Rupert Cutler, Dennis Hayes

Strategic Planning:

Brief discussion that suggested need for a vision statement, policy plan, and operating plan. Copies of existing plan will be distributed at the next meeting.

Vision for WRC: Proposed Workshop/Symposium:

During open discussion, Carlos suggested that WRC might provide guidance to private owners of wilderness inholdings and adjacent properties. Using Tom Bowen (recently deceased owner of Whitewater Ranch) as an example, the idea emerged that WRC could sponsor a workshop/symposium/conference on Managing Wilderness Inholdings and Adjacent Private Property. Good idea! More discussion at future meetings. Ultimately we need to develop a proposal to fund such an event.

Next Meeting was set for Wednesday, February 2, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Draft agenda attached.