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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLAND RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: May 6, 1986

TO: Ables, Fazio, Garton, Leonhardy, Falter, Stoszek, Clem Pope (USFS),
Mike Schlegel (IDFG), Holly & Jim Akenson

FROM: Ed Krumpe, Wilderness Research Center

SUBJECT: Minutes of Technical Advisory Board Meeting, 5/6/86

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Pat please attach ~~the~~ on each of these attachments (Gorton article and xeroxed letter) to a copy of these minutes for Leonhardt, Falter, Stoszek, & Clem Foye (Middlemass Ranger, Krassel Ranger District, PO Box 1026, McCall, ID 83638). The others ^{already} got them at the meeting.