

April 19, 2006

Mr. Robert Barkley  
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Idaho Department of Lands  
3130 Highway 3  
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Re: Moscow Mountain Cedar Grove

Dear Robert:

On behalf of the Latah County Board of Commissioners, I wanted to thank you and Nolen Noren for meeting to discuss possible options for transferring management and leasehold interest in the Moscow Mountain Cedar Grove site into Latah County.

As we had discussed with everyone present on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, IDL Deary Office, Latah County would be interested in several possible scenarios for permanent protection and management of the site. First, the Board would consider a transfer of the existing lease from The Nature Conservancy into Latah County under the same terms and conditions (pending an adequate legal review from our civil counsel). Additionally, we would also assume the existing Management Plan for the site.

Our second option is a new lease (10 year minimum) between IDL and Latah County based on the same premise – recreation and research. However, our understanding from earlier conversations is that this might require a new appraisal of the site and hence, delay our ability to transfer leasehold interests and site management to a local entity.

Regardless of what option we may ultimately choose, Latah County has committed to taking the lead on this project and through our Parks Department, UI College of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy and adjoining land owners, fully intend to develop strategies for both short-term management and long-term acquisition of this unique natural asset.

Again, we look forward to your continued support and willingness to help facilitate this important project.

Regards,

Paul J. Kimmell  
Commissioner, District 1

Cc: Winston Wiggins, IDL  
Robyn Miller, TNC  
Mark Solomon  
Steve Hollenhorst, UI-CNR  
Will Whelan, TNC  
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