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Dear Dr. Lisle:

The Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group is in the process of developing recommendations to designate areas in Jackson Demonstration State Forest for various kinds of management direction. The Advisory Group will provide these recommendations to the director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. When designating an area of the Forest as a reserve, the advisory group would like to identify specific purposes and uses that are consistent with those purposes.

Our Landscape Committee has been in touch with you about the potential designation of some or all of the control areas in the North Fork of Caspar Creek as long-term reserve areas in which timber harvesting would not occur. We would like to ensure that the description of purposes, allowable operations, and non-permitted operations that we are developing for these areas are consistent with your research program.

We would greatly appreciate a letter from you that:

1. Identifies the control areas in North Caspar Creek.
2. Describes the purposes of the control areas for your studies.
3. Describes the management activities that you consider, on both a short-term and long-term basis, to be:
  - a. consistent with the purposes of the control areas;
  - b. inconsistent with the purposes of the control areas.

Please attach any documents or correspondence that would help the Advisory Group to understand better how to specify the activities that should and should not occur in the control areas in order to have them function appropriately for your research program.

We hope that by recommending specific conditions for future management of the control areas, we can help to ensure that they continue to serve their scientific purposes, as well as providing valuable ecological reserves.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

John A. Helms  
Chair  
Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group