

June 16, 1992

Jim Graves
Box 924
Boulder CO 80306

Dear Mr. Graves:

Enclosed is a copy of your Stewardship plan prepared by Mr. Slade. You have already signed the Landowner Approval, but because this was done before the plan was complete, I would like you to reaffirm it.

This plan calls for:

1. A Defensible Space Practice (0.75 acres) around the house in 1992;
2. Placement of two additional bluebird houses in 1992;
3. Thinning of "a portion" of the property and girdling two trees to create wildlife snags in 1993;
4. Thinning of the balance of the property, girdling of ten additional wildlife snags, and slash piling* to create "houses" for small animals, especially cottontails in 1994 to 1997.

*Note: Wildlife shelter piles are constructed according to standards and are not simply thrown together.

The plan is not specific as to how much is to be thinned in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. When things are vague, Stewardship requires at least one-fifth of the area (1.1 acres, not counting the 0.75 acres treated under Defensible Space) be treated in each of the five treatment years. More acres can be thinned in the earlier years and less in later years, but not the other way around.

The plan runs through the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2002 (September 30, 2002). No treatments are required in 1998 to 2002, but you cannot destroy any installed practices or sell or subdivide the property without reimbursing the Stewardship program for the amount of the cost-sharing plus interest (Exception #1: new owner agrees to maintain installed practices and continue implementation of the plan for the duration of the cost-sharing agreement; Exception #2: plan is revised in accordance with principles outlined in Stewardship or other conservation handbooks).

Mr. Slade can provide you with technical help in implementing this plan. You will need services such as tree marking for

thinning, and designation of snag trees so that maximum spacing is obtained. The Colorado State Forest Service is required to inspect the property periodically (in practice, once a year) to be sure that the practices are being properly installed and maintained.

Though the plan does not require it, I would like to see three additional bluebird boxes installed in 1997 as replacements. Bluebird boxes do not have a very great life-expectancy and must be regularly repaired and/or replaced. Bluebird boxes and shelter piles are cost-sharable, assuming money is available and you want to make the trip to Longmont to sign up.

You have already signed all the necessary paperwork accepting the plan and agreeing to go by it. If there is anything you don't like about it, DO NOT CASH THE CHECK UNTIL YOU TALK TO ME.

The plan will probably be given final approval and cost-sharing payment authorized within a week. I will notify you (probably in about ten days) when to proceed with the Defensible Space practice.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Stevenson