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Dr. Chuck Butterfield
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Dear Dr. Butterfield:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and support for your efforts in developing natural resource managers at your institution. Through our partnership, I know that the relationship between Chadron State College and the USDA Forest Service has been strengthened benefiting both the students who attend your institution and the public the Forest Service serves.

The students that you provide us are of high quality both personally and educationally. I have found your students come to us prepared for the work they will be doing, are knowledgeable on the subject matter and have excellent field training. The training you are providing your students better prepares them for a position in natural resource management. This also fits well with our mission in the Forest Service to "sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations". Your students and your program are a valuable asset to us in meeting this mission.

I look forward to our continued partnership efforts in developing our next generation of natural resource managers.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charlie Marsh
CHARLIE MARSH
District Ranger



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