



North Carolina Department of Natural Resources & Community Development

James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor

Joseph W. Grimsley, Secretary

December 22, 1982

Mr. Cecil C. Frost, Conservation Chairman
Department of Botany
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear Cecil:

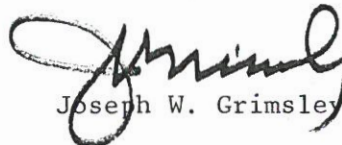
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Your group has a misconception about who the Regional Consultants serve, how they came to be, and what they do. I know they have assisted with the LWCF program, but this represents less than 30% of their work. They serve public, (all levels of government), private non-profit, and commercial recreation. By copy of this letter, I am asking Jim Stevens, who I know is an active member of Friends of State Parks, to meet with you concerning this matter.

We need, want, and know that you want to help State Parks.

Sincerely,


Joseph W. Grimsley

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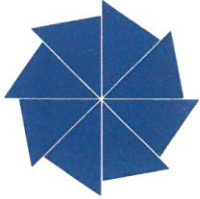
cc: Mr. Jim Stevens

*This letter was drafted
by Jim Stevens for
Joe Grimsley's signature*

*means Bob
Buckner was
told to RIF
two positions*

*irrelevant-
we never
said anything
about this
group of
people.
1-11-83*

get copy - requested



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