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Dear Committee,

I have included links to two different doodle polls. The first link is for scheduling my proposal meeting (November 15 - 22: <http://doodle.com/fkkm5dnbazci5nsk>). I will email my proposal to everyone by Friday November 1st at the latest.

The second link is for scheduling a tentative date for my Comprehensive Exams (December 9 - 17: <http://doodle.com/cinvuxfy676m47uq>). Once everyone has responded, I will email you the dates and times that work for everyone.

Also, thanks for responding and providing me with a reading list for my comprehensive exams. For your reference, I have included a list of all of the suggested readings below:

Food Webs - Kevin McCann
Quantitative Conservation Biology - Morris & Doaks
Foundations of Ecology
Geographical Ecology - Robert MacArthur
Biological Diversity: Frontiers in measurement and assessment
Null Models in Ecology - Nick Gotelli

Review the ecological and evolutionary importance of species interactions, how they're measured, and how they're modelled in a population ecology framework.

Review the relevant conceptual frameworks for understanding the effects of species interactions on community structure and function across spatial scales. Critically examine where these frameworks break down as we move across scales.

Read the two most important papers from the following ecologists and know what their major contributions are to the field:

Wardle
Vitousek
Brown
Simberloff
Tilman
Whitham
Callaway
van der Putten
Rahbek
Agrawal
Gotelli
Enquist
Sanders
Chase
Levine
Ricklefs
Lawton
Grime
Stachowicz
Matson
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