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Dear Alexey:

Congratulations on your admission to graduate study in the School of Natural Resources. You have been accepted into the program beginning Autumn Quarter 2004. If you do not matriculate this quarter, you must submit a letter directly to the School requesting reconsideration. Because of the high number of quality applicants and the limited number of graduate student openings, we can not hold positions beyond this admission quarter.

The Master's program in Natural Resources requires Natural Resources 800, which must be taken during your first Autumn Quarter of enrollment; and Natural Resources 897, which is taken during your first spring quarter of enrollment. In addition you are required to register each quarter for Natural Resources 880, a seminar worth 1 credit hour, you may use three credits of NR 880 toward your program of study. Other graduate course work is determined in consultation with your faculty adviser and graduate committee. Copies of the Proposed Program of Study for the Master's Degree in Natural Resources form and Master's Degree Time Targets, showing quarter by quarter requirements and deadlines, are included with this letter.

You will be receiving, or have already received information regarding the Graduate School orientation which will be held right before the start of classes in September.

Again, welcome to graduate study in the School of Natural Resources. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Tomas M. Koontz, Ph.D.
Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
Graduate Program in Natural Resources

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cc: R Williams

Letter of recommendation

October 17, 2003

Graduate Studies Chair
Natural Resources
210 Kottman Hall
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Dear Graduate Studies Chair,

It is with the greatest confidence and pleasure that I recommend Alexey Kudryavtsev for admission to the graduate program in the School of Natural Resources. It is rare that I have such a close association with an individual I am recommending for graduate school as I have with Alexey. For six weeks this past summer the seven students who were studying abroad in OSU's Environmental Studies program in Siberia, my son, and I were dependent on Alexey to be our program administrator, translator, tour guide and social director, and problem-solver. He met us as we came out of customs at the airport in Moscow and was at our side until we went back through customs nearly 6 weeks later. The only thing different at the time we left from the time we arrived is, that upon arrival we greeted our administrator, when we left we sadly said goodbye to a trusted friend.

Long before we left the United States for Russia, Alexey and I were in constant email contact. He oversaw all the preliminary activities needed to make our travel and the program successful. His duties included the daunting task of preparing and then 'walking through' the domestic paperwork needed for Americans to obtain Russian visas. As a result of his attentiveness our travels were smooth and our 3 days in Moscow very educational and interesting. Alexey's persistence and eagerness to do a good job even resulted in us getting a tour of the Kremlin when it was all but closed to tourists because of terrorist threats.

Once we arrived in Tomsk and the actual study program at Tomsk State University (our host institution) began, Alexey showed his academic strength and deep interest in environmental studies. He, along with the participating Tomsk faculty, lead expeditions (field trips), lectured, and in every way possible helped the students learn and understand the information they were receiving. It was clear immediately that Alexey 'knows his environmental stuff'. Because he excelled as a student, was active in environmental student groups, and has published as sole- or co-author many different types of articles and books on environmental subjects, Alexey is intimately familiar with the topics he was teaching and could readily pass that knowledge on to the OSU students. His ability to express himself, verbally and in writing, in English is excellent.

I could go on and on about Alexey's merits but I believe I have given you an accurate description of him and all the characteristics he has that I feel will enable him to be among the best graduate students Natural Resources could count among its ranks.

If you have need of further information, please contact me at:

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Sincerely,

Dr. Peg McMahon
Associate Professor