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Hi Joe,

Thank you for me writing a recommendation letter. Just wanted to let you know that I got the job teaching kayaking and guiding rafts at the new U.S. National Whitewater Center. I also want to thank Wilderness Aware as a whole. If it weren't for you all of you, I'm positive there is no way I would be where I am now. Wilderness Aware taught me everything from guiding rafts to cooking and leading groups. So, I would also like to thank Woody and Eric for spending the time to make sure I had proper training. I'm sure you already know this, but; they are so important to you operation. To this day I still find myself quoting Woody.

Since I have moved on, I have never seen a company offer the training and experience that you do. You have high expectations of young guides and that allowed me to leave Wilderness Aware with more knowledge and experience than most young guides are able to obtain within the first few years of guiding. This was key for me because when I came to 4 Corners Riversports I already had so much experience and a huge knowledge base. 4CRS immediately recognized those skills and this gave them confidence to allow me to progress within the company very quickly.

Please pass this on to Eric, Woody, and the rest of the Wilderness Aware crew. You all have a large influence on the whitewater community, not only in the state, but at a national and even international level. In addition, you have had and continue to have such a large influence on my life. My gratitude goes out to all of you.

Thanks,

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