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Dear President ^{Phil}~~Ringle~~:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Truckee Meadows Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the fall 2005 comprehensive evaluation. Congratulations on receiving this continued recognition.

The policy of the Commission is not to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically. Each institution is required to conduct a self-study and be visited by a full evaluation committee at least once every ten years, and during the fifth year, the institution is to submit an interim report and be visited by one or more Commission representatives. In the case of Truckee Meadows Community College, the Commission requested that the institution prepare a focused interim report and host a Commission representative in spring 2007 to address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the fall 2005 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. For your convenience, a copy of the Recommendations from the evaluation report is enclosed.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the fall 2005 Comprehensive Evaluation Report are areas where the College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria, but in need of improvement. However, in regard to Recommendations 3, 4, and 5 of the fall 2005 Comprehensive Evaluation Report, the Commission finds that the institution does not meet criteria for accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy A-18, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (enclosed), the Commission requires that Truckee Meadows Community College take appropriate action to ensure that Recommendations 3, 4 and 5 are addressed and resolved within the prescribed two-year period.

In the unlikely event the Commission should conclude that an institution is in danger of being unable to fulfill its mission and goals or to continue to meet the eligibility requirements, standards or related policies for accreditation, the Commission reserves the right to request that the institution receive an evaluation committee for a special review.

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The Commission commends Truckee Meadows Community College for its planning initiatives as relates to mission and goals, student learning outcomes, general education, facilities, and student services. Moreover, the Commission finds laudatory the College's use of technology and custom programming to support administrative and instructional activities through website development and other important means. The Commission applauds the library staff for providing students and staff with outstanding service and increased access to digital resources in spite of limited resources. Finally, the Commission commends the College for its leadership in the collaborative effort with city and county law enforcement agencies and fire departments in all aspects of planning, developing, funding, and implementing a model regional training center.

We will write in fall 2006 in regard to the spring 2007 focused interim report and visit.

Again, congratulations on receiving this recognition. Please feel free to contact me regarding your thoughts on the comprehensive evaluation process, suggestions for improving the process and for any assistance we may provide your institution.

Best wishes for a rewarding new year.

Sincerely,



Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosures: Recommendations; Commission Policy A-18

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