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Dear Dave:

SUBJECT: MRA Response by ASRC Teams

Sorry, I didn't think you'd see my previous letter as a grenade, just as a gripe. I assumed you knew all about Peter's plans for separate MRA alerting, uniform shirts, and all, because Peter said you and he had talked about it.

As far as the mission of the ASRC: I've got nothing against the ASRC doing lost person search in other than backcountry areas. I just think we should preserve our core capacity for wilderness SAR. That was once our only focus, and should still remain the core of what we do-- those knowledgeable about the outdoors using that expertise, plus additional specialized search, rescue, and medical training, to help others in the outdoors. I just see what the MRA is doing as stealing the core of the ASRC, and I guess that's what I object to. I like the ASRC, a lot, and the same goes for the people in it, especially you. (I know it's hard to believe at times.) I guess I feel a sense of loss, because the reasons Gene and Ray and I started the ASRC are now abandoned and then usurped by the "Appalachian Region, MRA." That's all.

Sorry if I drove you to coffee.

Yours truly,

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