

July 25, 2002

Sam Hutchinson, President
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Dear Sam:

I am writing today to commend you on Interface Construction Corp.'s exceptional work on Phase III of River's Edge at the St. Louis Zoo. Attendance for this year is already up seven percent, and we are on pace to reach an all-time record of three million visitors. This year's Memorial Day weekend and month of June both broke attendance records, and we attribute this success to the completion and promotion of River's Edge.

River's Edge has had more than a local impact as well. It has been featured in travel sections across the country, including stories in the *Boston Globe*, *Indianapolis Star* and most recently in the *New York Times*. As a result, we are seeing a significant increase in the amount of tourist traffic at the zoo.

Sam, your team was a pleasure to work with, and they were quick to adjust when we made changes during the construction process. The result is an exhibit that surpasses any other at the Zoo and increases the impact of our already world-class Zoo.

Thank you for your hard work on Phase III of River's Edge. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Interface. Congratulations on an excellent job!

Sincerely,



William Boever, D.V.M.
Director and COO