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Fort Bridger W. T.

Jan. 8th 1871

My dear Sir:

Yours of 30th ult. was received yesterday, and I am glad to hear that your expedition into our country has afforded you such satisfaction, and hope that it may lead to your making some further explorations here.

As soon as the winter is over I contemplate making an exploration across the Uintah mountains, with a view to establishing a military road into the Uintah Valley & Indian Reservation.

Should I make any discoveries of fossils or other objects that may possess interest to you, I will take great pleasure in giving you the benefit thereof.

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So far, our winter has been
very mild and pleasant. For a
few days last month the cold
was pretty severe, the thermometer
sinking to 7° below zero, but I
see that at a good many points
east of us it was much colder.
So we may congratulate ourselves.

We are all enjoying good
health in the Garrison, including
Judge Carter & family, and all
desire to be remembered to you
and to the gentlemen of your
party, and when you publish some
of the results of your trip, I hope
you will let us profit thereby

Yours very truly
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