Twin Larch Sanctuary
Close yet far away
Four bedroom, three bath house built in mid 1980’s
Approximately 2,200 SF
Great room of 500 SF
Home is in good shape
42 acre preserve at 3,300 feet of elevation on the south slope of Moscow Mt.
- Sweeping views of the Palouse
- 120 mile view on clear day
- Pond
- Wonderful woods, springs, and trails
8.4 miles from Moscow, (22 minutes)

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Mission of Twin Larch

- Provide a retreat atmosphere for live-in and one day small group sessions
- Provide a congenial setting for interuniversity collaboration
- Serve as an outdoor learning laboratory
History of Twin Larch

- Dr. Jim Austin donated:
  - Twin Larch (his home)
  - Total cash for an endowment of $12,000 (with additional $5,300 from university)
- Provision that if UI could not cover expenses they would:
  - Offer it to Washington State University
  - If WSU declined the gift they could offer it to a nonprofit with similar mission
  - If no similar nonprofit could be found the house was to be sold and the proceeds donated to a private medical education scholarship
- The University moved to sell the property this year
- In consultation with Dr. Austin I have requested, and been given until February 28 to establish a nonprofit to receive the property
- Mission would be consistent with Dr. Austin’s intent
- If effort fails the University will sell the property
- No downside risk, no mortgage to cover
What Next?

- Form an advisory board to determine the interest among faculty and staff
- Determine the feasibility of a nonprofit faculty and staff board that would be arms-length from the University to take over Twin Larch
- Determine a feasible financial plan
  - Minimal retreat rental fee
  - Evening and weekend rentals to offset operating costs and build capital reserve
- Evaluate condition of home and any needed capital expense
- Estimate and raise startup funds to furnish home, develop website, etc.
  - Furnish house, replace some flooring, repair small section of roof, working funds for utilities
  - Repay University for $5,000 in capital they have spent
- Develop nonprofit structure and bylaws
What I’m asking for….

- Volunteers from UI faculty and staff to serve on the exploratory board
- We must move quickly, deadline of February 28, 2018
- Please put out a call to your colleges asking for volunteers
- Have them contact:
  - Mike McCollough
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Feedback & Questions?