

SPORTS AFIELD

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Dear Wayne:

With deep regret I must decline your invitation to be your co-driver in the Baja 500 next year. Although I have nothing but admiration for your off-road driving ability, I am scheduled for a root canal at that time, and I'd hate to miss it. I know you will do well, however, provided the course is paved by then.

Fortunately for the hunting world, your off-road finesse is surpassed by your ability to guide, to run a dandy operation, and to set a standard for conduct and concern that has no equals. I get around a good bit, and I consider myself fortunate to come on an outfitter every few years who runs a good operation motivated by a genuine concern for hunting, the outdoors, and the game. You are one of those guys, and it does my heart good just to know you are out there. Maine is in good hands.

I am greatly indebted to you for all your help: your time, your dogs, and your patience as I hauled out lights and cameras yet one more time. The accommodations were great. The dogs were eager and willing. Even the bait was good enough to eat (particularly the sweet rolls).

Dinner's on me at the SHOT show this winter.

My best to you and your good family. Pictures will follow.

All the best,

