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Mr. Mike A. Nielsen  
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Dear Mr. Nielsen,

I would like to thank Priest Lake Search and Rescue on behalf of the men and women of the 36<sup>th</sup> Rescue Flight for your outstanding support of the crew Blade 70 after their precautionary landing on 29 January 2006. Your quick actions and excellent training ensured the crew of the aircraft was not injured upon landing and that they were able to stay in the field with the aircraft in adverse conditions to take care of coordination for maintenance. Without the support of your many volunteers, command post, snowmobiles, and radios the repair of this aircraft in such adverse winter conditions would have been impossible. All of your volunteers showed the highest degrees of professionalism and selflessly gave up over two days of their time to assist the crew in getting the aircraft safely home. The 36<sup>th</sup> Rescue Flight thanks you for your outstanding support and looks forward to working with you in the future. You are truly a premier Search and Rescue organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian E. Bell".

BRIAN E. BELL, Maj, USAF  
Commander