

Route 1, Box 210
Kimberly, Idaho 83341

March 22, 1978

The Honorable Frank Church
United States Senate
245 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

I thank you for your past kindnesses and considerations. I shall always be indebted to you for sending me the Bureau of Ethnology publications which have been most valuable in my research of the American Indian.

I have been advised by Doctor Ruthann Kaudson, Department of Anthropology, University of Idaho, that the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-291) which provides that up to 1% of Federal funds for any Federal construction project could be used for preservation of adversely heritage resources, runs out of money shortly. The money shortly. Act. The funds authorized were only authorized for five years, and hence we need to have the program authorized so that the program will continue. Senator Magnuson introduced Bill into the U.S. Senate's committee around the first of March and introduced it into the House delegation. I frankly do not know where it was introduced in the Appropriations Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (the old Interior committee of which you were formerly a member).

A joint support from you and Senator McClure to aid in passing this bill will mean much for conserving this precious heritage for future generations of Idaho. Such a bill will greatly aid in the preservation of these sites at a minimal cost by allowing for the transfer of those 1% funds to the Interagency Archaeological Service within the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (which was just organized by Secretary of the Interior Andrus and President Carter, and takes archaeology out of the Park Service and creates its own agency)---and the Interagency Archaeological Service people are the experts at making those funds do the best possible archaeological job by professional archaeologists, and not Forest Service or Corps engineers trying to cope with the archaeology on the side. We all have a professional responsibility, if we have the time and means available, to indicate to our legislators that we wish them to support the measure.

I will appreciate any consideration that you will give this matter, and, as you know, our funding for this most important part of Idaho's history is most limited. I want you to know that we in Idaho are most fortunate to have you making these decisions both here and abroad. For this I thank you.

With kindest regards,

Don E. Crabtree
Research Associate Prehistoric Technology

DC:wt

CE 24.48