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Mr. Craig B. Fisher
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Dear Craig:

Thanks for the reminder about the special, "The Everglades". In Idaho, we were fortunate to see this special twice - once on Feb. 16th on Channel 2 out of Salt Lake City and again on Feb. 19th on Channel 7 out of Boise, Idaho. It really requires two viewings to absorb the tremendous amount of information contained in these films produced by you and superbly narrated by Downs.

I was particularly impressed with the magnificent photography and only hope your cameraman was using a telephoto lens on the water moccasin shot. The helicopter shots of the birds in flight were breathtaking and, I think, really drove home the point that we must - at all costs - preserve our wildlife.

During the entire showing, I was not only impressed with the direction but also the expert editing of the film and take this opportunity to commend the editors on doing such a fine job.

But beyond being a beautiful and enjoyable film, I was impressed with the impact of your message - through direction, photography and narration - of preserving the delicate balance of nature. Am sure this came thru loud and clear to all viewers. With our environment in jeopardy, we need to show this special again and again.

At this late date, I want to also say how much we enjoyed "The Great Barrier Reef" and "The Ice People" - both fine films. We hope some day you will feel inclined to do a special on preserving the great wilderness areas of this country. Right now we are in a life and death struggle here in Idaho to try and preserve the Sawtooth wilderness area from summer home buffs and the mining interests. Both of our senators are trying to make this a national park-recreational area, but congress keeps voting us down. You may like to read about this in the January 1971 issue of "Smithsonian" - pages 44-50.

We both look forward to another Fisher-Downs special which we hope will be soon.

Don't forget to visit us if and when you find the time to come to Idaho.

With kindest personal regards,

Don E. Crabtree

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