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## WINTER MEETING

When: January 28-29 or 29-30. Meeting will last 1 1/2 days.

Where: Boise. Site to be selected.

Who: All Idaho Chapter members and prospective members.

What: Panel discussion (1/2 day)  
Technical Papers (One full day)  
Business Meeting (Luncheon session)

Program Chairman: GENE DeREUS

Mark your calendar and get the boss's o.k. to attend. It will be a corker!!

### Panel Session

The program will be built around the drive for a workable Stream Protection Law. The panel will be staffed by a group of recognized authorities in this field under the guidance of panel moderator DON CHAPMAN. Pro and con speakers will be there. Legislators will be invited. News, radio and T.V. coverage is available.

We are working out arrangements with the Idaho Chapter of The American Fisheries Society to have that group attend the panel session also. Remember--the proposed Stream Protection Law involves not only the stream bed, but management of the entire watershed--a matter of some importance to both game and fish professionals. Don't miss the panel!

### Technical Session

This is the first and only solicitation for papers that you will receive. Slide talks, research and management papers--all are welcome.

We will not publish the papers, but abstracts will be printed. At this time, all that program chairman GENE DeREUS needs from you is a title for your paper (as soon as possible) and a brief abstract (by January 4). Send the title and abstract to: Gene deReus, Idaho Fish and Game Department, 600 South Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho 83707.

There will be room for a dozen or more papers on the agenda with presentations limited to 20 minutes plus 5 minutes of question and answer. Longer papers may be accepted at the discretion of the program chairman. Remember, we can take only a limited number, so get yours in early if you want a spot.



More on program details will be forthcoming in a later newsletter. For now, decide to attend and if you have a paper to give, get your title and abstract on the way.

Let's make this the most productive meeting on record!

#### RECAP OF SUMMER FIELD MEETING

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society joined with the Idaho Wildlife Federation, the Owyhee Cattleman's Association and the Idaho Chapter, American Society of Range Management to co-sponsor the annual Owyhee Range Tour. The tour was a complete success with over 150 persons with a wide range of interests (range specialists, wildlifers, ranchers, sportsmen, conservationists, etc.) in attendance. The group observed poor and good range conditions, deteriorated wildlife habitat and listened to various experts discuss the problems and possible solutions.

A business meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society was held in conjunction with the Owyhee Range Tour.

#### Minutes of Summer Business Meeting

President Elwood Bizeau called the meeting to order at Mud Flat, Owyhee County on the evening of June 22. Seventeen members were present.

Elwood Bizeau presented a position statement on "Relocation of State Highway 64." A discussion followed. Approval was moved by Bayha, seconded by Graban. Passed. Tom Leege was appointed "sponsor" for this position statement to follow up and report at the next Chapter meeting.

The proposed Stream Protection Law (coming up in the next session of the legislature) was discussed. It was proposed that the chapter take this subject on as a major project. Moved by Norell, seconded by Tilzey. Passed. President Bizeau will appoint a committee.

A proposal was brought forward by Keith Bayha that the chapter utilize the Idaho Alert publication as a vehicle to rebut the Outdoorsman newspaper. A discussion followed and the proposal was rejected.

A date for the winter meeting in Boise was discussed. The membership rejected a proposal to hold the meeting in November with the Range Management Society. The membership preferred January.

Moved to adjourn--carried. Minutes submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Edward E. Tilzey.

#### REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The following report by Hugh Harper is a carryover from the winter meeting held in Moscow in January, 1970. Since the Regional Representative is our main contact with the parent Society, we need to maintain close liason with him.

Hugh Harper explained his role as a regional representative for The Wildlife Society. Eight regional representatives and the Society officers comprise the Council. The Council has over 20 different committees, all very active.



Council action during 1969 included:

1. Publication of over one-thousand pages in the Journal of Wildlife Management, including a special issue devoted to management-oriented papers.
2. Publication of two monographs and preparation for publishing three more in 1970.
3. Publication of a leaflet containing eight position statements and progress on developing three more.
4. Progress toward publication of essays in our field. These will be of two types: Technical and popular.
5. Granting of \$9,300 to Colorado State University to develop a manual on how to conduct a short course on natural resources.
6. Expanding student conclaves from two to three by adding one in the mid-west, and granting \$300 to each to defray costs.
7. Presented statements on controversial issues at congressional hearings, before the Public Land Law Review Commission, Water Resources Council, and to the Departmental Secretaries.

Hugh expressed the Council's concern about: (1) How the Society can best serve its members, (2) the dropout rate, and (3) improving service to certain long-neglected segments of the profession; the Council granted money to a committee for a study of action the Society can take in this regard.

Hugh urged members to advise him of anything they thought the Council should be doing.

#### REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE--Keith Bayha

Chairman Keith Bayha reports that the new membership committee has signed up 31 new members since the winter meeting of January 1970 for a total of 113 chapter members. This number is expected to grow as more committeemen report. Bayha reports that 47% of the current chapter members hold associate memberships (they are not members of the parent society).

Non-society members can join the Idaho Chapter by mailing \$1.00 to Keith Bayha, 2130 South Pacific, Boise or by contacting one of the following committeemen: Jack McNeil, Mark Orme, Bill Snow, Dave Neider, Arnold Coleman, Neil Argy, Dale Von Steen, Brent Ritchie, Walt Sundell, Levi Mohler, Ed Scholes, Lanny Wilson, and Lonk Kuck.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND POSITION STATEMENTS--Richard Knight

To save mailing costs, we have stockpiled the last 2 position statements issued by the Chapter and are mailing them with this newsletter. Three statements have been issued since the 1970 winter meeting:

1. Re: Additional Dams on the Middle Snake River in the Vicinity of Hells Canyon (you received this one with May newsletter).



- 2. Re: Relocation of State Highway 64 (attached).
- 3. Re: The Legislative Proposal for National Recreation Area--National Park Status for the Sawtooth Valley and Adjacent Mountains (attached).

All three position statements were circulated to pertinent federal and state officials and other interested parties. News, radio, and T.V. outlets received copies and have given publicity.

Suggestions for future statements on matters of importance to the wildlife environment are welcome. Write to: Richard R. Knight, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

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