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of the
Idaho Chapter
of The
Wildlife Society

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Alert all Society members!

The Summer Field Tour is upon us.

Once again, it is a joint venture with the Idaho Section, Society for Range Management. Arrangements Chairman for The Wildlife Society is Don Jenni. Here are the details:

When: June 22 and 23

Where: Riggins, Idaho

Who: All Wildlife and Range Society members
and their families

Registration: 7:00 - 8:40 A.M. June 22 at Riggins
City Park

Tour buses will depart from Riggins City Park at 9:00 A.M.

Tour Highlights

Payette N. F. Rapid River -
Seven Devils - Hells Canyon
Comprehensive Land Use Study

Whitebird Ridge Rest-Rotation
Cattle Allotment (Circle C)

Hells Canyon - Middle Snake
River Controversy

Salmon - Snake River Fire
Management Complex

Tour Highlights

Forest Area Land Use Planning
and Timber Sale Planning -
Preparation

Rapid River Salmon Hatchery

Plantation Grazing

Harry Robinson's Rest-Rotation
Grazing Allotment

Wild Turkey, Mountain Goat, and
potential Bighorn Sheep Transplants

ACCOMMODATIONS

FOOD

National Forest Campgrounds 10 miles east of Riggins up the Salmon River

Evening meal of June 22 will be served by the Idaho County Cow-belles at Spring Bar Campground.

Motels available are:

- Bruce Motel
- Riggins Motel
- Salmon River Motel
- Taylor Motel
- Hi-Wa-Inn Hotel

ALL OTHER MEALS INCLUDING LUNCHESES BOTH DAYS ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT.

Restaurants are available.

Reservations recommended - responsibility of each participant.

Don't miss it! Relax and visit with your fellow professionals and their families at the summer tour.

Don't be a hermit!

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Positions and Resolutions Committee:

Martel Morache has been appointed Chairman of the Positions and Resolutions Committee. Remember that it is the responsibility of individual members to call the Committee's attention to developments that may require a position statement. If there are developments in your area that you feel we should take a formal position on, write up the circumstances and the position that you feel we should take and send it to Mart Morache in Boise (most recent Position Statement is attached to this Newsletter).

Letter to Legislators:

A letter was sent to all state legislators during the recent legislative session calling their attention to the existence of the Idaho Chapter. They were also informed that we were ready, willing and able to give professional opinions and advice on legislation concerning wildlife resources and environmental matters. A few legislators acknowledged the letters and several asked questions but overall response was disappointing.

Minutes of the Winter Meeting:

Due to a lengthy report of minutes for the winter meeting coupled with mailing costs, we are not including them in this Newsletter. Copies are available upon request from the President's office.

Your Officers:

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| Richard Knight, President | Dale Turnipseed, Vice Pres. | Bill Snow, Secretary-Treasurer |
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TREASURER'S REPORT

IDAHO CHAPTER, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

January 28, 1971 to December 31, 1971

		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance on Hand, Jan. 28, 1971				
Checking account	307.35			
Petty cash	<u>5.12</u>	\$	\$	\$312.47
1/29/71 Proceeds from Annual Meeting				
Banquet tickets	285.00			
Membership dues	106.00			
Reg. charges	<u>160.00</u>	551.00		
2/16/71 Annual Meeting Costs				
Banquet	287.92			
Coffee breaks	<u>67.91</u>		355.83	
3/16/71 Newsletter costs			25.00	
5/15/71 Bank handling charges			.15	
9/10/71 Membership dues - including \$5 from petty cash		31.00	5.00	
11/14/71 Newsletter costs			35.00	
12/1/71 Membership dues (1972)		53.00		
12/3/71 Banquet tickets - Burley High School students (cash)			12.00	
12/3/71 Membership dues (1972)		28.00		
12/14/71 Final receipts (1/3 distribu- tion) from Joint Meeting		<u>84.00</u>		
		\$747.00	\$432.98	
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1971				<u>314.02</u>
				<u>\$626.49</u>
Checking account	473.37			
Petty cash	.12			
Cash & checks on hand	<u>153.00</u>			
	<u>\$626.49</u>			

Respectfully submitted,

s/Edward E. Tilzey
Secretary-Treasurer
Idaho Chapter
The Wildlife Society

A Position Statement by
IDAHO CHAPTER of THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
Concerning
PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO GRAYS LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a conservation organization whose membership consists of two hundred professional natural resource specialists working in Idaho. The parent Wildlife Society, to which the Idaho Chapter belongs, is an international organization with a membership of 6500 individuals located in all of the 50 states and 17 other countries.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society wishes to go on record with the following Position Statement relative to the proposed purchase of 1785 acres of private land by the federal government to enlarge Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge:

Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge, together with surrounding private lands, is a major production area for a variety of waterfowl and associated marsh species, including the following:

1. Geese. A sizable segment of the Intermountain flock of the Great Basin Canada Goose. This goose population has been declining in numbers in recent years. Acquisition of the proposed lands will provide important nesting and brooding areas.
2. Ducks. At least 11 species of ducks nest at Grays Lake, including the only significant nesting populations in Idaho of the diving ducks--the redhead, canvasback and ruddy.
3. Curlew. The long-billed curlew, a scarce and interesting marsh bird, nests on the proposed acquisition lands in significant numbers.
4. Sandhill Crane. Grays Lake has the densest breeding concentration of the Greater sandhill crane to be found anywhere on the North American continent. About 200 pairs of cranes nested on Grays Lake in 1971. Most of these cranes are produced on the private lands surrounding the marsh. The proposed acquisition is a major step toward assuring needed protection and breeding habitat for this species.

In the interest of providing better management of Idaho wildlife and improved opportunities for public enjoyment of the rich wildlife values of the Grays Lake area, the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society wishes to:

1. Support the current proposed land acquisition and
2. Encourage the acquisition of additional private lands adjacent to the meander line of Grays Lake marsh.

Certified by:
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April 12, 1972

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The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society consists of members who are interested in wildlife in Idaho. The parent organization is an international organization with chapters in all of the 50 states and 17 other countries.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society wishes to go on record with the following Position Statement relative to the proposed purchase of 1752 acres of private land by the federal government to enlarge Lewis Lake National Wildlife Refuge:

The proposed purchase of 1752 acres of private land by the federal government to enlarge Lewis Lake National Wildlife Refuge is a major production area for a variety of waterfowl and associated water species, including the following:

1. Waterfowl. A sizable segment of the International Block of the Great Basin Canada Goose. This goose population has been declining in numbers in recent years. Acquisition of the proposed lands will provide important nesting and breeding areas.
2. Ducks. At least 11 species of ducks nest at Gray Lake, including the only significant nesting population in Idaho of the diving ducks—the redhead, canvasback and tubenose.
3. Curlew. The long-billed curlew, a scarce and interesting water bird, nests on the proposed acquisition lands in significant numbers.
4. Sandhill Crane. Gray Lake has the highest breeding concentration of the Greater Sandhill Crane to be found anywhere on the North American continent. About 50 pairs of Greater Sandhill Cranes nested in 1971. Nesting success was low due to a combination of factors including the proposed acquisition of a major stop-over area needed protection and breeding habitat for this species.

In the interest of providing protection and management of Lewis Lake and improved opportunities for public enjoyment of the Lewis Lake Wildlife Refuge of the Gray Lake National Wildlife Refuge, the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society recommends that the following actions be taken:

1. Support the current proposal for acquisition and management of the proposed lands.
2. Encourage the acquisition of additional private lands adjacent to the Lewis Lake Wildlife Refuge.

Respectfully,
Richard A. Knight
President, Idaho Chapter
The Wildlife Society
April 14, 1972