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Well I trust you all survived the Holidays well and are now into the post-holiday syndrome of serious dieting. You'd better work hard so you are ready for the feasting and libationary activity that will take place at the Chapter's annual meeting in February. Read on for details. This will be the last newsletter before the meeting so you may want to look it over before it goes into the circular file.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

As you know, the annual meeting will be held at the Red Lion Downtowner on February 20 and 21. This is shaping up to be our best meeting in recent memory, so make your plans not to attend. If you need some official reason for attending, call me and we can set something up and get a letter off to verify your involvement in the meeting. The Red Lion has offered us some excellent room rates (single: \$38 or \$32; and double: \$45 and \$40 for regular and government rates, respectively). Reservations must be made by January 29 or you may not get a room. I know I'm looking forward to walking to my room after the Friday social rather than driving across town. The phone number at the Red Lion is 344-7691. Identify yourself as a member of the Idaho Chapter, TWS, when you make your reservation.

As I said, the program should be an excellent one. KAREN STEENHOF, with help from other chapter members has a slate of 29 technical papers (the tentative program is attached); and VICKI MARKS is arranging what should prove to be a very enjoyable party on Friday evening. There will be a string band, munchies, and, of course, our fund raising auction. SIGNE SATHER-BLAIR is soliciting auction items again, so call her with your generous contributions at 334-1931. Sounds like this will be an informative, fun session so plan to attend.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

The Nominations Committee, consisting of BOB JONES, DAN DAVIS, and CRAIG GROVES, has come up with a slate of three candidates each for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Current members are eligible to vote on the attached ballot. Ballots must be received by DAN HERRIG no later than February 19, 1987 to be valid. The new officers will be installed at the Annual Meeting and will serve for about one year. The candidates for the office of Secretary are JACK CONNELLY, SIGNE SATHER-BLAIR, and H. JEROME HANSEN; and for Treasurer SAM MATTISE, BOB MARTIN, and PAUL MOROZ. A brief biographical sketch and statement from each candidate follows.

JACK CONNELLY - Secretary

Education: B.S. - Wildlife and Fish Resources,  
University of Idaho/1974  
M.S. - Wildlife Biology, Washington State  
University/1977  
PhD. - Wildlife Biology, Washington State  
University/1982

Work History: After graduating from Washington State University, JACK was employed by INEL-EG&G Idaho as a Wildlife Biologist. In 1984 he changed jobs and started to work for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). In his tenure with IDFG he has worked with numerous sage grouse projects, three mule deer studies, an elk study, and is presently starting to develop a sharp-tailed grouse study.

Thoughts on the Idaho Chapter: As an officer, JACK would like to see a program established to encourage more involvement of the wildlife professionals in TWS (Idaho Chapter). He would aggressively work on the development of a program that would help to improve this situation.

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SIGNE SATHER-BLAIR - Secretary

Education: B.S. - University of Nebraska, 1975;  
M.S. - South Dakota State University, 1979

Work History: I am currently a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Ecological Services Office. I primarily work with the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation on existing and planned major federal water projects. I have been active in the Chapter since moving to Boise in 1980. I have been Chairman of the Conservation Affairs Committee and have organized the fund-raising auction each of the last 3 years. Running for elected office is the next logical step in my involvement in the Idaho Chapter.



Thoughts on the Idaho Chapter: I think it is the Chapter's responsibility to support and promote education at all levels in the fields of ecology and natural resource management. I also believe the Chapter has a responsibility to comment on and become involved in land management issues that may effect wildlife resources. If elected Secretary, I plan to do all I can to make the Chapter even more effective in these areas.

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H. JEROME HANSEN - Secretary

Education: B.S. - Environmental Biology - Emporia State University, Kansas, 1979  
M.S. - Wildlife Management - West Virginia University, 1982

Work Experience: I have worked as a Biological Technician with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Boise, as a District Biologist with the Kansas Fish and Game Commission, and currently as a Wildlife Research Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, involved with wildlife mitigation planning for hydroelectric project impacts. Over the last 3-1/2-years, I have had the pleasure of experiencing many of Idaho's backcountry treasures and plan to always do what I can to make sure they remain.

Thoughts on Idaho Chapter: I have accepted the nomination as Secretary for the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society because of a belief that we should all get involved when offered the chance to help the Idaho Chapter and ultimately the Idaho resource. My past experience with the Idaho Chapter includes 7 months as the Conservation Affairs Committee Chairperson.

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SAM MATTISE - Treasurer

Education: B.S. - Wildlife Biology-Panhandle State University, Oklahoma, 1975  
M.S. - Wildlife Biology-South Dakota State University, 1978

Work History: SAM started work with BLM in 1978 as the Jarbidge Resource Area Biologist. He worked with IDFG in the development and management with the Isolated Tracts program south of Boise. In 1982 he moved into the Cascade R.A. of the Boise District and began working with Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, big game winter range management and the management of the Black Canyon long-billed curlew area. Sam has been active in committee work for both the National and Chapter level TWS.



Thoughts on the Chapter: SAM would like to see a more aggressive membership drive that would encourage more professionals to join the Chapter. He would also like to see the annual meeting moved around the state between Moscow, Pocatello, and Boise.

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PAUL MOROZ - Treasurer

Education: B.S. - Wildlife and Fish Resources, University of Idaho

Work History: PAUL started with the USFS in north Idaho as a seasonal employee in 1974. He has served as a District or Zone Wildlife Biologist for the USFS in north Idaho, western Washington, western Oregon, and southcentral Idaho. Presently he is a Zone Biologist for the Emmett and Lowman Ranger Districts.

Thoughts on the Idaho Chapter: PAUL would like to see more involvement of the professional wildlife biologist in the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He also would like to encourage a stronger communications network between the private, State, and Federal employees that are involved with wildlife management. PAUL would work to improve these two items if he were elected.

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BOB MARTIN - Treasurer

Education: B.S. - Zoology, Idaho State University - 1978  
M.S. - Wildlife Resources University of Idaho - 1987

Work Experience: For the last 3 years, I have lived in Boise while working for the Idaho Fish and Game as a wildlife research biologist on a state-wide hydropower mitigation program.

Thoughts on the Idaho Chapter: I believe involvement in Idaho's wildlife and environmental issues is very important. If elected to the office of Treasurer, I will serve the Chapter and the wildlife resources of Idaho to the fullest extent of my energy and abilities. I have gained a knowledge of Idaho through 10 years of wildlife work, during which I have lived in Pocatello, Soda Springs, Palisades, Moscow, and Boise.

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#### BYLAWS CHANGES

Remember, the Chapter dues for 1987 are \$5.00. When you send DAN HERRIG a check, make it for the right amount.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A letter to the editor from BOB McCARTY now of Pinedale, Wyoming, will be paraphrased as it isn't all fit for printing. BOB nominated MIKE KOCHERT for the office of Secretary - Treasurer because of his proven ability to stretch a buck and his purported magical powers of changing Bud-Lite into Budweiser-led. Editors note: sorry, BOB, but there is no longer an office of Secretary-Treasurer, and as for Mike's thrifty nature and magical powers, anyone who knows Mike knows of his overwhelming generosity.

BOB also offers his now-famous whitewater raft trip on the South Fork or wherever. He also suggests a radical change in the meeting format: holding the business meeting in a steam bath on a white water river. Editors note: something along those lines is certainly not out of the question. We have discussed a summer meeting before, but it never got off the ground. Perhaps we can discuss it at the business meeting.

Send Letters to the Editor to: PHYLLIS KOCHERT, 10230 West Amity Road, Boise, Idaho 83709

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RIDE BOARD

No notices or requests were received but you can find who some of the people who are coming by looking at the meeting agenda. If you need a ride, maybe one of the speakers will have some extra room.

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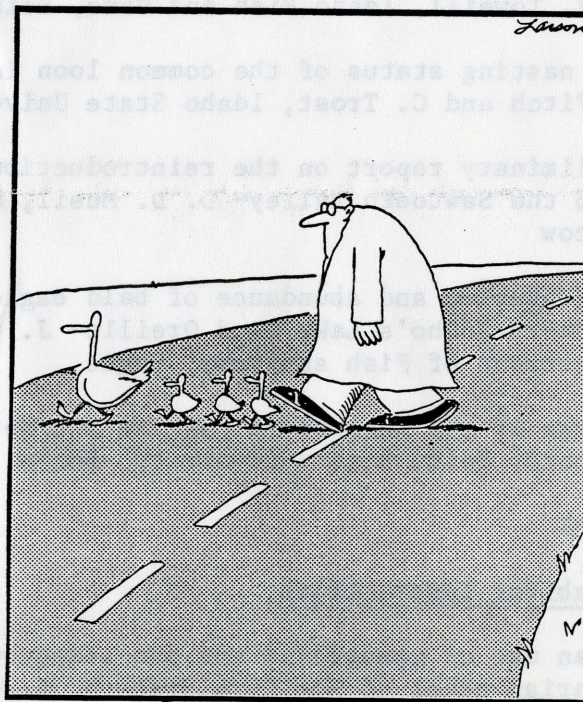
WESTERN RAPTOR MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Idaho Chapter and the National Wildlife Federation are coorganizing the Western Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop which will be held in Boise from 26 to 28 October, 1987. Participating states are Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The meeting is the second in a series of five regional symposia and workshops coorganized by the National Wildlife Federation to assimilate technical information on the status and management of raptor populations. The symposium, which immediately precedes the Raptor Research Foundation's national meeting, will feature sessions on the status of western raptors, status of raptor habitats, impacts and mitigation, as well as workshops and poster presentations. Proceedings of the symposium and workshop will be published as part of the National Wildlife Federation's Scientific and Technical Series.



This is a great opportunity for the Chapter to become active in Wildlife Conservation. The Chapter will be responsible for logistics for the symposium and workshop, including arrangements, facilities, registration, and social functions. Many Chapter members are presently involved. MIKE KOCHERT is the local coordinator of the symposium and workshop; KAREN STEENHOF and MIKE SCOTT are members of the Coordination (Program) Committee; JAY GORE is in charge of the arrangements; and CRAIG GROVES and DAN HERRIG are handling registrations. The National Wildlife Federation will split any residual funds with the Chapter. The success of the symposium and workshop depends to a large extent on the contributions of Chapter members. Anyone interested in helping please contact MIKE KOCHERT (334-9279).

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When imprinting studies go awry



1987 ANNUAL MEETING  
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RED LION DOWNTOWNER  
FEBRUARY 20-21, 1987

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20

7:30 - 8:15 Registration - Lobby

8:15 - 8:25 OPENING REMARKS

SESSION A. Population Status Reports.

8:25 - 8:45 History and status of California bighorn sheep in Idaho-  
D. E. Towell, Idaho Fish and Game, Boise

8:45 - 9:05 The nesting status of the common loon in Idaho and Wyoming-  
T. Fitch and C. Trost, Idaho State University, Pocatello

9:05 - 9:25 Preliminary report on the reintroduction of sage grouse  
into the Sawtooth Valley- D. D. Musil, University of Idaho,  
Moscow

9:25 - 9:45 Distribution and abundance of bald eagles wintering on  
northern Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille- J. Crenshaw, Idaho  
Department of Fish and Game, Sagle

9:45 - 10:00 Status of the Swainson's hawk in southern Idaho- M.  
Bechard, Boise State University, Boise

10:05 -10:25 BREAK

SESSION B. Wildlife/Habitat Interactions.

10:25 -10:45 Avian use of campground and non-campground sites in  
riparian zones of northern Utah- J. A. Blakesley and K. P.  
Reese, University of Idaho, Moscow

10:45 -11:05 Movements of mule deer in response to hunting- C. G. Brown,  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello

11:05 -11:25 Nest site characteristics and nesting success of redheads  
and over water-nesting mallards at Bear Lake NWR- R. W.  
Tressler, Jr. and K. P. Reese, University of Idaho, Moscow

11:25 - 1:00 LUNCH



SESSION C. Wildlife Conservation Strategies.

- 1:00 - 1:20 A summary of the Hagerman Box Canyon issue- S. Langenstein, Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone
- 1:20 - 1:40 Restoration, monitoring, and offsite mitigation: techniques for alleviating riparian losses- M. Stevens, Environmental Protection Agency, Boise.
- 1:40 - 2:00 Development and use of a wetland bank as a mitigation alternative in Idaho- R. B. Tiedeman, Idaho Transportation Department, Boise
- 2:00 - 2:20 Access in Idaho: crossroads in human/wildlife interactions- P. Moroz, U. S. Forest Service, Emmett
- 2:20 - 2:40 1985 Farm bill- how it will impact Idaho's upland wildlife- Part II- M. W. Anderson, Soil Conservation Service, Boise
- 2:40 - 3:00 Funding wildlife research: An adventure in creative financing- J. W. Connelly, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello
- 3:00 - 3:30 BREAK
- 3:30 - 5:00 Business Meeting
- 6:30 Evening social and auction

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SESSION D. Wildlife Research and Management Techniques.

- 8:30 - 8:50 Use of Loran C navigational equipment in wildlife telemetry studies- C. G. Brown, J. W. Connelly and J. W. Unsworth, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello
- 8:50 - 9:10 Evaluation of helicopter counts of mule deer in southeast Idaho- B. Ackerman and E. Garton, University of Idaho, Moscow
- 9:10 - 9:30 Mule deer response to helicopter disturbance on winter range- T. Thomas, Montana State University, Bozeman
- 9:30 - 9:50 Resolving conflicts between roosting ravens and electric power transmission- L. Young, Bureau of Land Management, Boise; K. Engel, J. Roppe and C. Wright, Pacific Power and Light, Portland
- 9:50-10:10 BREAK



SESSION E. Wildlife Habitat Management.

- 10:10-10:30 Cooperative shrub restoration program for southcentral Idaho- L. Mangan, BLM, Shoshone; C. Kvale, Idaho Dept. Fish and Game, Jerome; and C. Ogden, BLM, Shoshone
- 10:30 -10:50 Design of a wetland complex to mitigate for roadway impacts in Cougar Bay, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho- R. B. Tiedeman, Idaho Transportation Department, Boise
- 10:50 -11:10 Aspen management; methods and problems- J. J. Spillet, Caribou National Forest, Pocatello
- 11:10 -11:30 Aspen habitat: inventory and evaluation- W. J. Rhue, Caribou National Forest, Soda Springs

11:30 -12:40 LUNCH

SESSION F. General Biology.

- 12:40 - 1:00 Familial resemblance in black-billed magpies (Pica pica)- L. Reed and C. Trost, Idaho State University, Pocatello
- 1:00 - 1:20 A conceptual model for population dynamics of mountain goats- J. Hayden, Idaho Dept. Fish and Game, Pocatello
- 1:20 - 1:40 Resource partitioning by bobcats and coyotes in a coniferous forest- Dale E. Towell, Idaho Fish and Game, Boise
- 1:40 - 2:00 Reproductive success of burrowing owls (Athene cunicularia) using artificial nest burrows in southeastern Idaho- B. Olenick, Idaho State University, Pocatello
- 2:00 - 2:20 Kleptoparasitism in the American white pelican- S. Hart, Idaho State University, Pocatello
- 2:20 - 2:40 Winter ecology of rough-legged hawks in southeastern Idaho- J. Watson and R. Eng, Montana State University, Bozeman
- 2:40 - 3:00 CLOSING REMARKS