

IDAHO RARE ANIMAL WORKSHOP

March 2, 1994,
Templins, Post Falls ID
Precedes Idaho Chapter
Wildlife Society Meeting
March 3-5,
Post Falls ID

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Dear Wildlife Society Member:

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society will host the first annual Interagency Rare Animal Workshop on March 2, 1994, the day prior to the annual Wildlife Society meeting (scheduled for March 3 - 5, 1994, in Post Falls, Idaho). The purpose of the workshop is to review and update the Rare, Threatened and Endangered Animals of Idaho list, published by the Conservation Data Center, which includes federal and state animal listings.

At the previous Idaho Chapter meeting, the executive committee discussed the need to organize a rare animal workshop to address the need to update the federal candidate, sensitive and state species of concern lists. The executive committee formed an organizational committee, to be chaired by the Fish and Wildlife Service, with cooperative efforts by the Bureau of Land Management, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Forest Service.

In order to expedite the workshop, the organization committee is sending the enclosed questionnaire (Enclosure 1) and rare animal list (Enclosure 2) to all Idaho Chapter members and selected non-members. Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire for those species for which you have information regarding the relative rarity and risk of the species. The committee will use this information to prioritize species for discussion at the workshop. We are providing you one copy of the questionnaire, please make additional copies, as necessary.

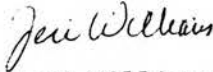
All the species to be considered at the workshop will be either candidate, sensitive or species of special concern. The committee has decided not to discuss federally listed species at this time. If there are species that you believe should be discussed at the workshop that are not currently on the list, please fill out a questionnaire for that species and identify your recommendation for the status of the species.

The committee is interested in building a slide library for us at this and future workshops. We would appreciate the donation of your duplicate slides of species that appear on the list in Enclosure 2. We hope also to have slides of range maps for each species.

Please send the completed questionnaires and duplicate slides by December 31, 1993, to Jeri Williams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4696 Overland Road, Suite 576, Boise, Idaho, 83705. We encourage your presence at this workshop, as well as the annual meeting. Your participation will provide valuable incite and information and contribute greatly to the overall success of the workshop.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jeri Williams
Rare Animal Workshop Committee
Chairperson

Enclosures

October 20, 1993

Dear Wildlife Society Member:

On March 2, 1994, the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society will host an Interagency Rare Animal Workshop. The workshop will be held prior to the annual Wildlife Society meeting, scheduled for March 3 - 5, 1994, in Post Falls, Idaho. The central purpose of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for an interagency/academic review and update of the Rare, Threatened and Endangered Animals of Idaho list, published by the Conservation Data Center, which includes federal and state animal listings. We hope to hold the workshop annually, or at a minimum, biannually.

Following the previous Idaho Chapter meeting, the executive committee discussed the need to organize a rare animal workshop that would address the need to update the federal candidate, sensitive and state species of concern lists. The executive committee formed a organizational committee, to be chaired by the Fish and Wildlife Service, with cooperative efforts by the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. (The Forest Service has subsequently been invited to participate.) The four agencies will be providing the funding for this initial effort.

In order to expedite the workshop, the organization committee is sending the enclosed questionnaire and rare animal list to all Idaho Chapter members and non-members with the necessary information. Please take a few moments to fill in the questionnaire for each species, from the list or additional species not currently listed, that you have information on relative rarity and risk. The committee will use this information to determine the highest priority species for discussion at the workshop. We are providing you one copy of the questionnaire, please make additional copies, as necessary, for each species you will be addressing.

All the species that will be reviewed and discussed at the workshop are either candidate, sensitive or species of special concern. The committee has decided not to include federally listed species at this time. If there are species that you believe should be discussed at the workshop, but are not currently on the list, please fill out a questionnaire for that species and indicate your opinion regarding the status of the species.

The committee would also appreciate any duplicates of slides you may have of the species listed. We are hoping to provide photos and range maps of each species to generate discussions of each species.

Please submit the completed questionnaires and slides, if available, by December 31, 1993. Send to Jeri Williams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

4696 Overland Road, Suite 576, Boise, Idaho, 83705. An agenda for the workshop will be provided at the workshop. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jeri Williams
Rare Animal Workshop Committee
Chairperson