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Chuck Harris Idaho Department of Fish and Game P.O. Box 25 Boise, ID 83707

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as the COUCH contact or coordinator for the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. I am late in getting these materials out, but I want to emphasize the importance of this program for TWS and the wildlife profession. Many of the founding fathers in the profession have died in last several years, and their histories and perceptions have been lost. TWS Council places a high priority on documenting the histories of the remaining stalwarts before they die, and chapters play the critical role in identifying people to interview and conducting the interviews in each state or province. The Northwest Section has approved \$250 for each chapter in support of these efforts.

I have enclosed several copies of the COUCH project information leaflet, a video-tape explaining the program and how to conduct an interview, a possible interview list, a list of TWS Charter members, and a tape identification and interview report form. Please make copies of these materials as needed. The Idaho Chapter is best suited to identify key leaders in the field to interview within the state.

If someone else is appointed to be the COUCH coordinator for the state, please let me know who this person is. We hope to have updates on the progress of the interviews at the Northwest Section meeting in March.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this project. I look forward to seeing the material the Idaho Chapter is able to collect, and I appreciate your time and interest in this matter.

Regards,

W. Daniel Edge