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Delmar D. Vail,
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Idaho State Office
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Dear Mr. Vail:

As one of several ways to facilitate the exchange of raptor management information, the National Wildlife Federation's Institute for Wildlife Research has initiated a regional Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop series. Symposia will be held in each region of the United States (West, Southwest, Midwest, Northeast, and Southeast). The first symposium was held in May 1986 at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The meeting brought together over 150 biologists and land managers and greatly facilitated the exchange of information regarding the status and management of Southwestern raptors.

Each symposium will include paper sessions on the status and biology of raptor species in the region; teaching sessions on raptor identification, survey, and management techniques; a paper session on the impacts affecting raptor populations in the region; and prioritize raptor management issues in the region. Papers presented at each symposium will be published by the National Wildlife Federation in a proceedings as part of the Federation's Scientific and Technical Series.

Currently, plans are well underway for the second symposium in the series, which will be held from October 26-28, 1987 in conjunction with the Raptor Research Foundation Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho. In addition to NWF, Michael N. Kochert, Leader, Birds of Prey Research, Bureau of Land Management, Boise District, has been asked to serve as regional coorganizer for the Western Symposium. Karen Steenhof (also of SRBPRA), representing the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, will also function in a coorganizing

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capacity. We would like your help in making the Western Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop a success.

The technical content of each symposium will be determined by a Coordination Committee, consisting of representatives from agencies and organizations with raptor management responsibilities in the region. Mike Kochert's role will be to oversee, in cooperation with the Federation, the functioning of this committee, and overall symposium coordination. Karen Steenhof will represent the Idaho Chapter TWS in its capacity as coorganizer. We ask that you provide whatever support is necessary for both Mike and Karen to carry out these responsibilities by which your agency will be involved, as a cosponsor, in the direction and success of the symposium and will be so recognized.

If you desire more information or details about the symposium, please write or call Mary Beth Moss, Wildlife Specialist, Institute for Wildlife Research (703) 790-4268.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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