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Idaho Chapter of TWS Activity Update to NW Section of TWS
19 July 1994, Ernest D. Ables, President

The Idaho Chapter of TWS solicited support from the Northwest Section and from the parent Society in questioning the proposed bombing range in Owyhee County, Idaho. We are pleased that both the Section and the parent Society went on record in publicly questioning weaknesses in the draft EIS for expanding the military bombing range. Hopefully our support along with that of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission will result in more careful evaluation of possible negative impacts on wildlife by military training exercises.

The Idaho Chapter also had a representative at a recent meeting concerning the status and management of the Rocky Mountain population of the trumpeter swan. In the past the Idaho Chapter had requested threatened status listing of this population, a request that was denied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. At present we believe the best course of action is to carefully assess both the biological situation and management directions for this population. It is a complex problem that involves both wildlife and fisheries interests.

The Idaho Chapter also contributed \$100 to the parent Society for support of student travel to TWS meeting in Albuquerque.