Mr. Jim Unsworth 2319 Daisy Nampa, ID 83686

Dear Jim,

In August of 1997, Idaho will host the National Wildlife Habitat Evaluation contest in Sun Valley, Idaho. We expect **35** states to be represented from all over the country. Each state team will consist of 4 children 14-19 years of age and two adults. Our responsibility is to house and feed the participants for 4 nights and 4 days.

It's the fastest growing 4-H program, and like other 4-H sponsored events, we rely on volunteers and donations to make the program work. The focus is to teach youth about the importance of wildlife habitat and how different land uses can still provide for wildlife. The highlight of this contest, nationwide, is this National event. This event provides an opportunity for rural youth to see new parts of the country. For most of the youth, this is their first time out of their home state, for some it's their only opportunity. The home state and the team raise their own funds for transportation, but the host state makes the trip affordable by picking up all other costs. These youth could not afford such a trip if they had to cover their own expenses.

The Idaho Chapter of TWS has always been a great supporter of this program. The group of volunteers that are coordinating the contest for Idaho is asking that TWS increase their usual contribution of \$500 to \$1,000 for this one year to help cover the expense of hotel and food for the National participants and judges (See attached budget). It is expected that the 1997 contest will be the largest ever held. We hope that the Idaho Chapter of TWS will want to be a part of this event and help us show the rest of the country what great natural resources are present in Idaho.

If you need any additional information please call me at (208) 232-4703.

Sincerely,

Dean Rose

State Coordinator

Projected Budget for 1997 Idaho 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program **Includes Hosting the 1997 National Event

State Contest Expenses

Scholarships: \$900 Awards: \$300 Buses: \$300 Site Rental: \$500

Total

\$2,000

National Contest Expenses (Approx. 300 people for 4 nights)

 Lodging:
 \$34,000

 Food:
 \$35,000

 Buses:
 \$5,000

 Activities:
 \$6,000

 T-shirts:
 \$1,700

Total: \$81,700

Grand Total for 1997 \$83,700

Available Funds

National 4-H Wildlife	\$35,000
Activity Charge (participants)	\$6,000
Basic American Foods, Inc.	\$1,000
Pheasants Forever	\$5,000
Bannock County	\$1,000
4-H Wildlife Budget	\$4,000
4-H Endowment	\$1,000
Idaho Power Company	\$1,000
NW Section, The Wildlife Soc.	\$500
ID Department of Fish and Game	\$2,000
McDonald's Charities	\$4,000

Total \$60,500

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