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The Honorable Senator James McClure  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator McClure:

It is our understanding that you and Senator Church are co-chairing a senate sub-committee concerning revision of the Reclamation Act of 1902. This law is in dire need of revision to better serve multi-resource values in light of current national environmental concerns.

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society wishes to go on record as supporting the revision and offering the expertise of its members in assisting you in the revision of this law as it may pertain to wildlife and its habitat.

We feel that in the past, royalty payments have not been utilized to mitigate damages to the wildlife resources. Too often, royalty payments have funded projects which have had an additional detrimental effect on natural resources, especially wildlife and its habitat. It is of essence that current wildlife values be assessed, population trends and habitat alterations monitored, and provisions for application of mitigating programs be addressed and funded.

Therefore, it is the position of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society that any revision of the Reclamation Act contain provisions for the direction of mineral receipts into rehabilitation of all renewable resource losses resulting from mineral exploration and extraction activities, including specified provisions for wildlife and its habitats; and that these values be assessed by certified wildlife biologists prior to application of mitigating measures; and that provisions for use of collected funds on previously disturbed sites be developed.

If the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society can be of service to you or your staff concerning this revision, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Dean Carrier". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

W. Dean Carrier, President  
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