

10658 Winterhawk  
Boise, ID 83709  
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Richard A. Schwarz  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
Rt. 4, Box 192  
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Dear Mr. Schwarz,

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to support efforts of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to protect the wildlife and habitat values of the O-X Ranch. The mule deer, elk, bald eagle, and other wildlife of the ranch make it a valuable wildlife area well worth protecting. Idaho Fish and Game should explore all avenues to reach the goal of protecting this area. Cost sharing possibilities with the U.S. Department of Interior funds may be possible and I suggest you contact John Hough's office.

If it is not possible to acquire the entire O-X Ranch in fee or easement at present, we would like to suggest the following priorities for protection of the various ranch units:

- 1) Blue Creek
- 2) Salt Creek
- 3) Jacob's Ladder Creek
- 4) Barber Flat
- 5) Bear Creek

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and again we appreciate your efforts to protect the O-X Ranch.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore  
President

cc: Governor John Evans  
Director, Idaho Fish and Game  
Commissioner Fred A. Christensen