

Resolution of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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Resolution: Future Use of Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Lands in Idaho

Whereas the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) is used extensively by important populations of antelope, sage grouse, Hungarian partridge, raptors, mourning doves and many other animals, and

Whereas the INEL has been designated a National Environmental Research Park, and

Whereas such a designation means that the area is used: (1) for much environmental research, and (2) so that the environmental impact of actions occurring outside the INEL can be compared to the relatively undisturbed environment of the INEL, and

Whereas there have recently been two proposals to convert substantial portions of INEL lands to irrigated agriculture, and

Whereas such conversions would have severe adverse impacts on the wildlife populations using the area,

Now therefore be it resolved: That the ICTWS recommends that all INEL lands remain in their present uses and that no INEL lands be converted to irrigated agricultural uses.

*Sent to Hansen, Church & McClure*