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The Honorable Jimmy E. Carter
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear President Carter:

We are writing to thank you for your recent decision to eliminate funding for 19 water projects in your budget request for Fiscal Year 1978. If complete and critical reviews had been made of dam proposals in years past, it is likely that many more of our streams would be free-flowing and of greater benefit to Americans today. We applaud your courage in standing up to "pork barrel" projects that have been "rubber stamped" by prior administrations.

Our only regret is that you arrived on the scene too late to prevent the Teton Dam tragedy from occurring.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas A. LEEGE
President - Idaho Chapter
The Wildlife Society

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Senator Church
Senator McClure
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