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Dear Mr. Kizer:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society represents a broad cross-section of professional wildlife specialists in the State of Idaho dedicated to the conservation, management and enhancement of Idaho's wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service following a five year study has concluded that the entire 1,321 miles of the St. Joe River meets the criteria for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System; and

WHEREAS, the river needs to be protected as a complete aquatic system; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service recommends Alternative C, National System within the national forest boundary and State action below the forest boundary; and

WHEREAS, under Alternative C, 59.3 miles of the St. Joe River would depend solely on State and/or local governments for protection for which there is no precedence to date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Wildlife Society petitions the U.S. Forest Service to reconsider Alternative C and adopt Alternative E which provides for State and/or local governments subdivisions to effect planning and controls by July 1, 1979. If the planning and controls are not forthcoming, then the entire river should become a component of the National System.

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