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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Council on Environmental Quality
722 Jackson Place
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Dear Sirs:

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 Bureau of Land Management has made an Environmental Analysis Record for the Agricultural Development Program for Lower Snake River Plains of Idaho (EAR) dated January, 1976, describing many of the environmental effects of converting more than 300,000 acres of public land on both sides of the Snake River running from Minidoka County to Canyon County for private agricultural development under the Desert Land Act and the Carey Act which would have impact significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the application of the National Environmental Policy Act requiring Environmental Impact Statement under the rules and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Analysis Record does not comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and is premature to the Idaho Water Resources Board State Water Plan and Report bearing on availability of water; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this Environmental Analysis Record would be devastating on the wildlife on the public lands involved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Environmental Analysis Record not be implemented before compliance by the BLM with the National Environmental Policy Act by their filing with the Council on Environmental Quality the required Environmental Impact Statement.

William R. Meiners
President

cc: The Hon. Thomas S. Kleppe, Secretary of Interior