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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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POSITION STATEMENT

Regarding the Wilderness Proposal for the Idaho and Salmon
River Basin Primitive Areas

WHEREAS, the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, an organization of wild-
life professionals, wishes to comment on the wilderness recommendation for
the Idaho and Salmon River Basin Primitive Areas as proposed by President
Ford, and

WHEREAS, the two primitive areas represent a unique ecosystem supporting
190 species of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the integrity of this system is inescapably dependent on the preser-
vation of the existing primitive areas, and

WHEREAS, the addition of certain contiguous areas would further insure the
perpetuation of this outstanding wildlife resource,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Society is unalterably opposed to the
Presidential proposal which excludes Chamberlain Basin, Upper Monumental and
Dixie Trail from wilderness classification, and further supports the River
of No Return proposal for a 2.3-million-acre wilderness.

Passed by unanimous vote - February 1975
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hells Canyon area is the last major canyon system in the free flowing state in the Snake River system, and

WHEREAS, building dams in the area would further damage the salmon and steelhead fisheries in both the Snake and Salmon River systems, and

WHEREAS, the storage of water would flood valuable big game winter range, chukar habitat, and other non-game wildlife, and

WHEREAS, there is no justification for increased power needs in the near future with the new energy developments now going on

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society reaffirms its original position that Congress pass the Hells Canyon Recreation Area Bill calling for construction of no dams, and let it be directed that copies of this resolution be sent to the Idaho Congressional delegation, the Oregon Congressional delegation, and other Congressional delegations of the Northwest area, the Governor, the President of the Wildlife Federation and the Regional Director, and have this Resolution presented at the coming National Wildlife Federation meeting in March, 1975.

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