



IDAHO CHAPTER
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Position Statement: Senate Bill No. 1119

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[Presented at the joint hearing of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and the House Resources and Conservation Committee, February 22, 1971.]

I am Keith Bayha, residing at 2130 South Pacific Street, Boise, Idaho.
I am representing the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Our membership consists of 153 career professionals working primarily in the wildlife field in Idaho. The parent organization for the Idaho Chapter is The Wildlife Society, an international organization, headquartered in Washington, D. C., with about 7,000 members located in 60 countries.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society wishes to go on record in support of Senate Bill No. 1119, as written.

We believe this legislation is needed to protect Idaho's valuable stream resources from unnecessary and ill-conceived alterations. Emphasis on the words "unnecessary and ill-conceived alterations" is deliberate. The purpose of this bill is not to prevent alteration of streams but to assure that justifiable alteration is wisely planned and executed.

Thank you.

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February 23, 1971

Dear Mr. Chairman:

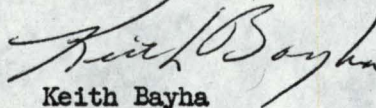
In addition to my statement which I did not have the opportunity to deliver at the hearing February 22, I would like to add these observations.

It appeared that some of the people who testified in opposition to SB 1119 do not recognize that a river (lower Boise River) is a living thing. It is normal for a river to change. Man must allow the river the use of its flood plain. Rather than fight the river, man would be wise to confine his use of the flood plain to those uses which are compatible with the natural forces of the river.

Some Boise River ranchers complained that high water was flooding their lands. I submit that it is these same people who ask that the Boise River reservoirs be held full until adequate irrigation water supplies are absolutely assured. Therefore they are the ones who can best do something about their flooding problem by requesting that reservoir operation be based on anticipated runoff rather than the existing system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Bayha". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Keith Bayha

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