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Rick Ripley, editorial Editor

Rick:

Last summer I submitted a guest editorial to you on some erroneous material that was published in Mr. Symm's Report from Washington on The Birds of Prey Area and The River of No Return Wilderness Area. Our organization works to support sound conservation projects that promote wise use of natural resources. I don't percieve our group as radical; more middle of the road perhaps. We understand there will be development and there are legitimate needs for ranchers, farmers, energy and others. We believe there can be conservation concept planning intergrated into the various programs to satisfy these development and economic needs.

If our group can help you or The Statesman, please let me know. We will be contacting our legislators and others concerning our views and opinions. I'll keep you informed by sending you copies of our correspondance. I have enclosed several items with this letter as well as a copy of our recent newsletter. Please share these materials with your major outdoor writers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore
President, Idaho Chapter

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January 26, 1981

Senator James McClure
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator McClure:

During May, 1980, Senate Bill 2683 was introduced to establish the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. On behalf of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, I urge you to introduce and strongly support similar legislation in this 97th session of Congress.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore,
President, Idaho Chapter

cc: Rep. M. Udall
Rep. L. Craig
Rep. G. Hansen
Sen. S. Symms
Sec. of Int. Watt

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Mr. James Watt
Secretary of the Interior
Interior Building
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Watt:

In late 1980, former Secretary of the Interior Andrus issued a 20 year withdrawal of public lands adjacent to the Snake River Birds of Prey area in Idaho. This action was needed to protect the current multiple use which the public land supports now which is beneficial to the birds of prey because their food supply can co-exist with these uses. The alternative is to allow Desert Land Entries, which would convert much of the multiple use land to single purpose "row crop type" agricultural use. Plowing the land destroys habitat for ground squirrels upon which raptors prey.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society strongly urges you to support Mr. Andrus' land withdrawal.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore,

President, Idaho Chapter

cc: National Headquarters
Senator James McClure
Senator Steve Syme
Congressman Larry Craig
Congressman George Hansen
Congressman N. Udall