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Senator Steve Symms
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator Symms:

On behalf of over 125 members of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, welcome ~~to~~ the 97th Congress. Our Chapter is composed of professionally trained scientists specializing in wildlife ecology. Our profession has been practicing applied ecology for over 40 years. Our job is to understand the relationship of land, air and water and how these elements are the beginning components of plant and animal life forms.

We are not preservationists, although in some cases preserving the status quo may be the only avenue to saving an ecosystem upon which many life forms depend. Our philosophy lies more in promoting wise use of natural resources.

There will be many basic land management decisions you'll face in the coming four years. I urge you to carefully consider the advice of professional land ecologists before rendering final opinions. After all - if mother earth is not wisely taken care of, her bounty will be lost forever.

Members of our Chapter are very concerned about wildlife-related issues. Indeed, wildlife will not continue to exist and thrive if the land and vegetative base is abused. You will be hearing from us on various issues that relate to Idaho, the West, and/or the Country.

Good luck in your new challenge.

Sincerely yours in the
interest of wise use,

James F. Gore,
President, Idaho Chapter

cc: National Headquarters