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Dear Mr. Evans:

Gad! The short-term specialist, quick buck guys (gals) are at it again. I'm referring to the complaints that the Greater Snake River Land Use Congress, American Trout Growers, and others, have about the innovative Institute for Resource Management at the University of Idaho. I refer you to the June 2, 1981 Statesman article by Steve Ahrens.

This multi-discipline training and planning effort is exactly what America needs to move on from the old traditional ways of planning for single interest projects. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), passed in the early 1970's, required the federal government to plan projects on a multi-discipline concept. Socio-economic, archaeological historic, environmental and other factors are now to be considered in project planning. Yes, this type of planning does take a little longer and cost a little more, but then hopefully this planet and our nation will be around a long time and will still be suitable for human living. In our planning efforts we must be thinking about impacts to our soil, energy and other natural resources from a long range perspective and not from the "what can I get out of the land in one generation" mode. I believe most people today know and understand this need. The concept of the Institute for Resource Management is a vehicle to accomplish this need for wise long range planning.

Naturally the groups that have the most to lose with long range, multiple discipline planning would be the first and loudest to complain. Their short term gain, business-as-usual methods are in jeopardy. Really, long term planning often necessitates compromises in the uses of our natural resources. No one will be truly happy with this compromise situation, but then life itself is really a compromise.

The concept that Mr. Redford and Mr. Andrus is trying to nurture and give birth to is a good one. I urge Idaho's educational system to get behind this program and actively support the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

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