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Honorable Jim Weaver
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Weaver:

We have recently learned that the House is currently considering two amendments to the River of No Return Wilderness Bill (S. 2009) which would:

- 1) classify the Lower Salmon River from Long Tom Bar to Hammer Creek as Wild and Scenic River (the Costmayer Amendment).
- 2) classify the Upper Salmon River from the Sawtooth NRA to the North Fork as a Scenic or Recreational River.

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society strongly urges your support of these proposed amendments. We believe these amendments are necessary to protect the salmon and steelhead runs and valuable wildlife habitat along the Salmon River. The amendments would protect the present water quality and fish and wildlife values while maintaining the existing agricultural and ranching communities. We believe the proposed amendments are a positive way to preserve valuable fish and wildlife resource while still maintaining the land in private ownership. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore
President