10658 Winterhawk Boise, Idaho 83709 February 22, 1980

## Dear Senator:

The Senate Resources and Environment Committee is currently considering three bills (S.1314, S.1249, and S.1352) which would provide greater protection for Idaho's streams in dredge mining operations. The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society strongly urges your support for these three bills, which could be very important in maintaining Idaho's runs of salmon and steelhead. These bills would not stop dredge mining, but would provide safeguards to protect our valuable fisheries and their critical habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore, President