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Honorable J. Vard Chatburn
House of Representatives
Statehouse
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Mr. Chatburn,

I have learned that the House Resource and Conservation Committee will soon consider House R.S. 5193 dealing with water withdrawals from Silver Creek. This proposal is to reduce the minimum flows in Silver Creek from 74 CFS to 25 CFS to supply water to trout farming operations. Silver Creek is nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon Trout Stream and should be managed and preserved to ensure that the Blue Ribbon Status remains.

I understand that the Idaho Department of Water Resources has recommended a minimum stream flow of 74 CFS. I urge that you and your committee strive to keep the 74 CFS minimum stream flow level.

Thank you for considering our position on this issue. Please circulate this letter to your committee members and make it a part of the hearing record.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore
President

cc: Governor John Evans

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society represents over 200 professionally trained Wildlife Management Scientists.