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Dear Sir/Madam:

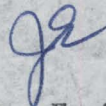
The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to submit some comments on the Comprehensive Management Plan now being developed for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. The Society has selected Alternative D as the proposal it would like to see implemented. The proposal gives significant emphasis to the wildlife and habitat values of the Hells Canyon NRA while still allowing development. We believe it represents a workable, balanced alternative.

If another alternative is selected, the Society urges you:

1. To include the Lord Flat-Somers Point and Corral Creek roadless areas to the Hells Canyon Wilderness.
2. To keep road improvements to a minimum throughout the NRA.
3. To work to minimum wildlife habitat losses due to logging and loss of thermal cover (discussing the emphasis on logging if necessary).
4. Not to consider any Rim Road construction or further planning for such a project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



James F. Gore

cc: Governor John Evans
Senator Frank Church
Senator James McClure
Congressman George Hansen
Congressman Steve Symms