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Boise, Idaho 83709
May 9, 1980

State of Idaho Land Board
Mr. William Scribner, Chief
Bureau of Navigable Waters
Department of Lands
State House
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Mr. Scribner,

It has come to our attention that the C and O Mining Company has applied for a riverbed lease for dredge mining on the South Fork of the Boise River below Anderson Ranch Dam. This beautiful area has prime trout fishing waters while the riparian-canyon vicinity has high populations of deer, chukars and other wildlife. These long term scenic and nature values will remain if present management is continued. We believe mining the area would be an example of a short term action that would benefit only a few and would significantly degrade the value of the area in the long term. Issuing a lease to allow mining in this area would be using very poor judgement. Consequently, the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society strongly urges the Land Board to reject this lease application and not issue the lease. Thank you for consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

James F. Gore, President
Idaho Chapter

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Representative Steve Symms
224 Rayburn Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Symms:

You may soon have the opportunity to act upon (HR 6074). This bill is the D-J (Dingell-Johnson) Expansion Bill or The Fish Restoration Act of 1979. The bill would amend the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act of 1950 and, if passed, would increase the apportionment of excise tax funds to Idaho. The bill would establish a 3 percent manufacturers excise tax on all outboard motors, trailers and boats less than 25 feet in length, excluding kayaks, sailboats, hydroplanes and commercial craft. These funds are used to improve fisheries research and management and to provide public access and improvements related to fishing and water based recreation.

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society strongly urges your support for passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jay Gore
President, Idaho Chapter

Enclosure:

cc: Bob Salter-Idaho Fish and Game

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Honorable Frank Church
U.S. Senator
Russell Office Bldg.
Room 245
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

You may soon have the opportunity to act upon S 1631. This bill is the D-J (Dingell-Johnson) Expansion Bill or The Fish Restoration Act of 1979. The bill would amend the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act of 1950 and, if passed, would increase the apportionment of excise tax funds to Idaho. The bill would establish a 3 percent manufacturers excise tax on all outboard motors, trailers and boats less than 25 feet in length, excluding kayaks, sailboats, hydroplanes and commercial craft. These funds are used to improve fisheries research and management and to provide public access and improvements related to fishing and water based recreation.

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society strongly urges your support for passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

JAMES F. GORE

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