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James A. Harper
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Dear Mr. Harper,

The Bureau of Land Management has proposed legislation for congressional action that would expand protection for the Birds of Prey Area from the current acreage of 26,000 to over 500,000 acres. The additional protected acres will assure a non-jeopardized prey base in a desert ecosystem which is needed by the raptors in their reproductive efforts.

I am enclosing a copy of the BLM's summary report and a copy of the supportative letter that the Idaho Chapter has sent to the BLM. Comment period deadline has been extended to September 14, 1979. I urge your chapter to comment on this worthwhile conservation endeavor. Promptly forward this request to the proper individual if there has been a recent officers change in your chapter.

Yours in conservation,

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FOI James F. Gore
Environmental Issues Chairman

Enclosure

cf: Harry Hodgdon

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