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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 5, 1974

Dale Turnipseed, President  
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Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

I very much appreciate your continued interest in and support for legislation which I've sponsored to create a Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. I want to keep you fully up-to-date regarding the latest developments on this proposal.

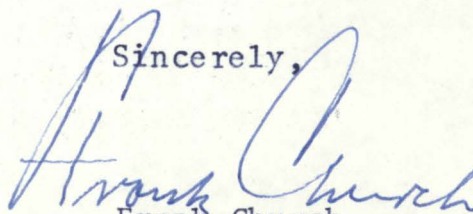
As I indicated upon introduction of this legislation, the sponsors of the bill fully expected that changes in the legislation would be made as a result of public hearings and comments. Several modifications have been suggested, among them a modification in the boundary of the National Recreation Area on the Idaho side. However, the major objectives of the bill: Prevention of dam construction on the Snake River in the Hells Canyon area, preservation of the canyon in its natural state, and maintenance of the water quality in the Rapid River drainage, are all intact.

I'm happy to report to you that the Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation of the Senate Interior Committee has favorably reported the Hells Canyon bill to the Interior Committee. I am hopeful that the full Committee will consider the bill within the next couple of weeks and that favorable action by the Senate will come before the end of this session of Congress.

You may be sure that I'll continue my efforts to see that legislation is finally passed to preserve this beautiful area of Idaho.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Frank Church

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I very much appreciate your continuing interest in and support for legislation which I've sponsored to create a Wildlife Canyon-National Recreation Area. I want to keep you fully up-to-date regarding the latest developments on this proposal.

As I indicated your instruction of this legislation, the sponsor of the bill fully expected that changes in the legislation would be made as a result of public hearings and comments. Several modifications have been suggested, among them a modification in the boundaries of the National Recreation Area on the Idaho side. However, the major objectives of the bill: preservation of land conservation on the Idaho side, the Wildlife Canyon area, preservation of the canyon in its natural state, and maintenance of the water quality in the Snake River system, are all intact.

I'm sorry to report to you that the Subcommittee on the Land and Recreation of the Senate Interior Committee has tentatively reported the Wildlife Canyon Bill to the Interior Committee. I am sure that the bill will move quickly and that after the bill is in the next couple of weeks and that a final action of the Senate will be taken before the end of this session of Congress.

You may be sure that I'll continue my efforts to see that legislation is finally passed to preserve this beautiful area of Idaho.

Sincerely,  
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