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IDAHO CHAPTER  
**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

POSITION STATEMENT

Regarding the Wilderness Proposal for the Idaho and Salmon  
River Basin Primitive Areas

WHEREAS, the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, an organization of wild-  
life professionals, wishes to comment on the wilderness recommendation for  
the Idaho and Salmon River Basin Primitive Areas as proposed by President  
Ford, and

WHEREAS, the two primitive areas represent a unique ecosystem supporting  
190 species of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the integrity of this system is inescapably dependent on the preser-  
vation of the existing primitive areas, and

WHEREAS, the addition of certain contiguous areas would further insure the  
perpetuation of this outstanding wildlife resource,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Society is unalterably opposed to the  
Presidential proposal which excludes Chamberlain Basin, Upper Monumental and  
Dixie Trail from wilderness classification, and further supports the River  
of No Return proposal for a 2.3-million-acre wilderness.

Passed by unanimous vote - February 1975  
Wm. F. Meiners, President