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Mr. William Matthews  
Idaho State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
Room 334 Federal Building  
550 West Fort Street  
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Matthews:

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, an organization consisting of more than 200 persons employed professionally in the wildlife management field, wishes to enthusiastically endorse the action of the Bureau of Land Management in making application for protective withdrawal of 26,256 acres of public domain along the Snake River between Walters Ferry and Cold Island for the purpose of establishing the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area.

We view this as a major beginning step toward providing the rare prairie falcons and the hard-pressed golden eagles which nest in that area the kind of protection they need to survive. We are confident that once the sanctuary is established, you will follow up with the necessary regulations to favor perpetuation of these species on the Natural Area while still allowing a reasonable amount of other use where and when appropriate.

We commend you for this action and stand ready to testify on behalf of creation of the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area in the event a public hearing is deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

Elwood G. Bizeau, President  
Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society

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cc: Fred Evenden  
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Ed Tilzey