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Dear President Ford:

It is with great misgivings that I learn of your planned nomination of Wyoming's former Governor Stanley K. Hathaway as Secretary of the Interior. As neighbor to and observer of Mr. Hathaway's lack of concern for wildlife and their habitat requirements indeed, Mr. Hathaway's lack of an apparent basic concept of natural resource conservation, as Wyoming's Chief Executive chills our enthusiasm for his performance as Interior Secretary. His record is such as to not hold much hope for an enlightened administration of the Nation's Conservation Department. In these times of accelerated exploitation of our natural resources, at home and abroad, an individual having a demonstrated awareness and acceptance of habitat requirements for man, bird, animal and fish alike is required to assure a continued quality environment. The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, representing some three hundred Professional Wildlife Biologists in the State of Idaho, plead that you reconsider this nomination and select an individual more admirably qualified to head this important department.

Sincerely,

William R. Meiners
President