

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Leege:

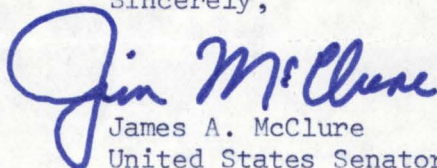
Thank you for sharing your comments with me on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Development of Phosphate Resources in Southeastern Idaho. I feel your comments represent a thoughtful, sincere approach to the subject of a commitment for a resource that is needed as a contribution to our economy, and at the same time will result in the modification of our environment.

I have carefully followed the preparation of this Statement and am pleased it has finally been presented to the people of Idaho for their review and comment. The Teton dam disaster has delayed some of the public involvement process, however I feel this short delay is justified.

Your statement to the Interagency Task Force is the kind of contribution that addresses a complex environmental issue in a positive way. It will lead to an orderly sorting out of the many factors in such a way to minimize the adverse effects of this proposal.

Again, thank you for providing me with your comments.

Sincerely,


James A. McClure
United States Senator

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