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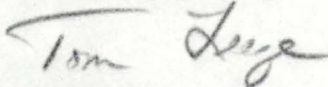
Dear Ron:

Our organization is basically opposed to the concept of grazing domestic livestock on big game winter ranges. The availability of forage at that time of the year is often the bottleneck controlling the size of these wildlife populations. We have long been concerned about the livestock use of the Rapid River big game winter range and are especially apprehensive this year because of the dry conditions. Is there any way you can keep the livestock off this range this year so that deer and elk do not find an empty pantry when they arrive next winter?

Please send me a copy of the new AMP for the Heavens Gate allotment as we may want to comment on it.

I will look forward to hearing from you regarding our concern.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas A. Leege
President--Idaho Chapter