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Delmar Vail, State Director
USDI Bureau of Land Management
Idaho State Office
3380 Americana Terrace
Boise, Idaho 83706

Dear Mr. Vail:

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) is excited to learn of efforts underway to protect and enhance the wetland ecosystem associated with the Thousand Springs/Chilly Slough wetland complex in central Idaho. This area represents a rare and extremely productive habitat type, and is potential habitat for the endangered peregrine falcon and whooping crane as well as potential nesting/staging habitat for the trumpeter swan. Such habitats are becoming increasingly scarce and valuable as developmental pressures and activities such as grazing and water diversions encroach on them. The Idaho Chapter strongly supports the Bureau's proposal for a grant to purchase and develop this site.

Sincerely,

William H. Mullins

William H. Mullins, Vice President
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