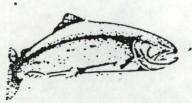
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March 20, 1989

Hr. Harvin L. Plenert, Regional Director
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
500 N. E. Hultnomah Street, Ste. 1692
Portland, OR 972332

Dear Mr. Plenert:

The Henry's Fork Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization representing 1,000 sportsmen from across the United States and the world. This letter is in support of the petition by the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society to list the Rocky Hountain population of trumpeter swans (Cygnus buccinator) as a Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act of 1983 as amended.

We have been actively engaged in research with the Harriman State Park of Idaho (wintering grounds of over 400 trumpeter swans) and also in cooperation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. We are intimately familiar with the threat to this endangered population of magnificent birds, and lend our vigorous support to the petition enclosed.

Sincerely,

H.R. Hickelson, H.D.

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