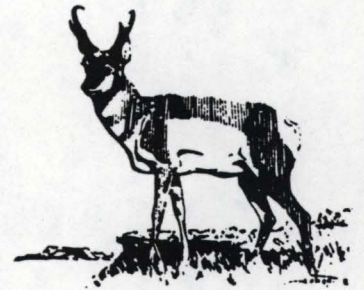
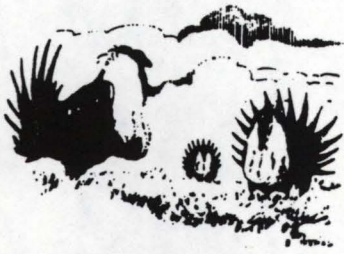


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Mr. Charles L. Blair
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Dear Mr. Blair:

Thank you for contacting us concerning your Chapter's petition to list the Rocky Mountain population of the trumpeter swan as threatened. After discussing this petition with Bob Oakleaf, Dave Lockman and members of our Executive Board, I would like to offer you the following comments.

The Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society feels that Threatened and/or Endangered classification for this species should be based on population performance relevant to objectives of the Rocky Mountain Trumpeter Swan Management Plan and criteria established in the Endangered Species Act. Such evaluations are best accomplished, in our opinion, following the 1989 breeding season. Thus, we will delay establishing a position on listing trumpeter swans until that time.

We also feel that an issue of this nature is of national importance and should, at the very least, receive approval from the parent Chapter of The Wildlife Society before proceeding. If we may be of further assistance, don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Ryder".

Thomas J. Ryder
President

cc. Sherry Ritter
President-elect