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Dear Chuck:

We recently held the 28th annual meeting of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society in Lewistown, Montana. About 140 members attended.

At our business meeting, which was attended by about 80 biologists, we again discussed the issue of the trumpeter swan in Idaho. With members working for the National Parks Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, State of Montana, as well as the private sector and the state university system, it was surprising to me that not one member endorsed the idea of listing the trumpeter swan.

Several members were familiar with the Harriman State Park, Bureau of Reclamation, State of Idaho situation and felt our Chapter could endorse resolution of the water issue, short of listing.

We selected Professor Robert Eng, a bird authority at Montana State University to represent the Montana Chapter on this issue at the North American Wildlife Conference Society's field director Tom Franklin at the "Leaders Breakfast", Monday, March 19, Room 5, Sheraton Denver Tech. Center, and get together with Idaho's representative. Hopefully Dr. Eng will be able to find a way to lend support to a Chapter we want to help.

I have in-laws in the Kuna area and next time down I'll try and make contact.

Good luck with your project.

Sincerely, Mike alekolol

Mike Aderhold

Immediate Past President

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