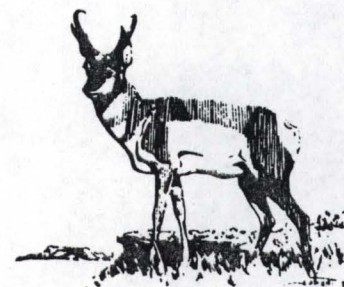
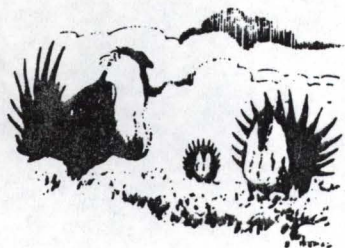


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April 2, 1990

Mr. John Spinks, Jr.
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Spinks:

On April 7, 1989, the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society submitted a petition calling for the listing of the Trumpeter Swan as a Threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Region 6 received the petition via Region 1 on May 12, 1989. Despite ESA requirements to inform the Idaho Chapter of the USFWS findings within 90 days, the Chapter still has not been contacted and had to invoke the Freedom of Information Act in November to receive copies of correspondence on this issue. It appears that little progress has been made on the decision to list or not list this species, or even whether or not the petition warranted consideration.

As a representative of the Wyoming Chapter-TWS, I would like to protest the improper treatment of the Idaho Chapter. I would also like to encourage you to see that this matter is resolved as it is important in the future management of the Trumpeter Swan to know what its status is under the ESA. The year will be up May 12, 1990.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ritter

Sharon Ritter
President

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✓ Jack Conley-Pres. Idaho Chapter
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