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**The Wildlife Society
Wilderness Input Criteria**

The Wildlife Society, as the professional society of wildlife biologists, has an obvious and abiding interest in the current wilderness designation debates and subsequent management activities. We are putting together a packet of information and recommendations for Mr. LaRocco and Mr. Crapo for their consideration in wilderness legislation. We are asking members for information on key habitats and/or species occurrences, roadless areas that are of particular importance to wildlife, and landscape conditions as they pertain to wildlife.

Criteria:

- The area discussed must be in RARE II designation.
- Document the presence of any federally listed threatened or endangered species, state listed species, or Forest Service management indicator species.
- Document the presence of special habitats or conditions.
- Provide a landscape-level discussion. Discuss connectivity and context, the conditions of the surrounding landscape, how the RARE II parcel fits into the management matrix, what values of the landscape as a whole could be managed for in the wilderness area.
- Why is wilderness designation important to maintaining these wildlife species/values? Explain why habitat degradation, roads, increased use, etc. will impact wildlife.
- What are the ramifications of not including this area?
- Provide a topo map (1:100,000) and description.

Some time this fall, the Idaho state chapter's conservation committee will collate and prepare a package of information and recommendations for Mr. LaRocco and Mr. Crapo (with copies for the Senatorial delegation).

The information should be hard copy as well as floppy, from either IBM or Mac, 3.5 inch disc preferred.

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