

Boise, Idaho 83707-0025

Phil Batt / Governor Jerry M. Conley / Director

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

At its April 21 meeting in Boise, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission directed the Department of Fish and Game to gather public comment on the possibility of limited hunting on sandhill cranes in eastern Idaho in response to crane damage to agricultural crops.

Enclosed is some information which describes the problem. Included in this material are several management options for reducing crop damage. Limited hunting is only one of several possible solutions which the Fish and Game Commission will be considering.

Please use the enclosed comment sheet to let the Department and Commission know how you feel about this issue. Do you feel that limited hunting is an appropriate response to crop damage, or do you favor other means of reducing damage?

Send your comments to the Bureau of Wildlife, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut, Boise, ID., 83707, by May 5, 1995, in order to be considered by the Commission at its May 11-12 meeting. The meeting will be held at the Brownlee Wildlife Management Area headquarters which is located west of Cambridge on the Snake River. The Commission will hold a public meeting on this and other issues on May 10 at the Cambridge Elementary School, Cambridge, Idaho; the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your comments on this issue. They are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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