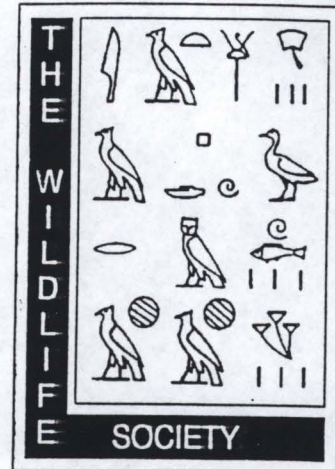


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Idaho Chapter

Senator Michael Crapo  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Crapo,

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is the professional society of wildlife biologists for Idaho, with members working for state and federal agencies, private industry, conservation organizations, universities, and in consulting positions. Our mission is to support sound stewardship of wildlife resources through good science and education. We are writing to you to express our support of H.R. 39, and the companion Senate Bill.

H.R. 39, the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, would require the Secretary of Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of migratory birds. This is a very modest program that could produce significant results for neotropical migratory birds, many of which have shown declines in recent years. We ask that you support the passage of this bill and recommend support of full funding for the bill in FY 2000-2004 budgets.

Will you support this bipartisan effort to assist in conservation of this important natural resource? We thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

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