



April 15, 1988

Office of the Dean

Dennis C. Eggers, Secretary
NRA Grants-in-Aid Committee
National Rifle Association of America
1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Eggers:

College of Forestry,
Wildlife and Range Sciences
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May I take this opportunity to endorse the solid and worthwhile work being done by Jim and Holly Akenson in their wildlife research at the University of Idaho's Taylor Ranch Field Station in Idaho's River of No Return Wilderness. Their research project is fundamentally important for three reasons:

- 1) The application of native bighorn sheep migration patterns to sheep reintroductions in other areas.
- 2) Provides primary information on summer and winter ranges.
- 3) To be able to respond to threats to the bighorn sheep population.

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Jim's master's degree is in Resource Geography and Holly's up-coming master's degree is in Wildlife Resources (with a master's thesis studying this population of bighorn sheep). Their six years management of the Taylor Ranch allows them to be primary researchers in this critically important area of current research.

Funding by the National Rifle Association of this important research project will allow the University of Idaho College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences to advance its leadership in wildlife research and counsel to state and federal agencies for the improvement of this significant species of wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important project.

Sincerely,

Dr. John C. Hendee
Dean