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**Support of House Proclamation 1**

Idaho is majority public land, as well as our County. The Federal Government owns nearly 76% of Owyhee County. Ranching and agriculture is the life blood of our rural economy. Water is the one thing that makes that all possible. The act of grazing livestock on public land for the economic benefit of our membership, this County, and the State, would be greatly diminished without the court's decision. LU Ranching Company and the Joyce Livestock Company not only successfully defended their rights to the in-stream use of that water. They also solidified Idaho's sovereignty over all waters within its borders by a unanimous decision of the State Supreme Court.

This situation is precisely what the Constitutional Defense Fund was set up for. A private individual or entity taking it upon themselves to defend their rights under our States laws set forth by our Constitution. We feel that the State's resources are well used in support of any citizen that brings forth a decision by a court that strengthens our Constitution.

We believe it is of the utmost importance that the Legislature of the State of Idaho support House Proclamation 1. I am asking you, the representatives of our great State to do the right thing. To support its citizens who have defended our Constitution for themselves, and all Idahoans.

Sincerely,

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