

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, THE UNITED
3 STATES SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE
4 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESS, AND THE CONGRES-
5 SIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE
6 UNITED STATES.

7 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
8 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third
9 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of a comprehensive conservation plan for a na-
11 tional wildlife refuge is to specify a management direction for the refuge
12 that takes many considerations, including recreational opportunities, into
13 account; and

14 WHEREAS, the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, including Lake Lowell,
15 has been an important source of outdoor recreational opportunities for the
16 people of Idaho since the refuge's creation more than 100 years ago; and

17 WHEREAS, the comprehensive conservation plan proposed for the Deer Flat
18 National Wildlife Refuge by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service im-
19 poses certain restrictions on recreational activities that are of great con-
20 cern to the people of Idaho; and

21 WHEREAS, such restrictions will have a profoundly negative impact on
22 boating, hiking and hunting opportunities in the refuge; and

23 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of conservation and
24 preservation of habitat and wildlife and supports the United States Fish and
25 Wildlife Service in its conservation and preservation efforts; and

26 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that the goals of conservation and
27 preservation can still be met while considering and respecting the impor-
28 tance of outdoor recreational opportunities held sacred by the people of
29 Idaho.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
31 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
32 the Senate concurring therein, that the United States Fish and Wildlife Ser-
33 vice reconsider the excessive boating, hunting and hiking restrictions in
34 the proposed Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge comprehensive conservation
35 plan.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future comprehensive conservation plans and
37 other federal efforts at wildlife management that affect Idaho be developed
38 in cooperation with Idaho stakeholders.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives and the Sen-
40 ate of Idaho request that our congressional delegates urge the United States
41 Fish and Wildlife Service to address the concerns discussed in this Memorial
42 and to develop future plans and efforts in cooperation with Idaho stakehold-
43 ers.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Represen-
2 tatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of
3 this Memorial to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Ser-
4 vice, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the President of the Sen-
5 ate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the con-
6 gressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the
7 United States.