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To: Honorable Senators Larry Craig & Mike Crapo; Representatives
Butch Otter & Mike Simpson
From: Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council (ISCAC)
Subject: H.R. 3855

On September 21, 2005 public land sale legislation was introduced into the Congress by 13 sponsors. H.R. 3855, if passed, would instruct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to select and sell up to 15 percent of America's public land. The funds from the sale are to be used to pay for natural disasters and other, yet to be specified, purposes. The only parcel selection requirement is to emphasize western states (states with over 15 percent public land). This legislation could privatize more than 5.5 million acres of Idaho's best wildlife habitat and jeopardize access to that land to hundreds of thousands of hunters, anglers and trappers.

ISCAC encourages Idaho's Governor as well as the state and federal Congressional delegates to oppose this legislation. Idaho's public land not only protects the best fish and wildlife habitat, and public access for hunting opportunities, it brings millions of dollars of annual income to Idaho businesses and to the tax base. While possibly supplying a short-term influx of additional funds to the federal government, H.R. 3855 would have long term detrimental impacts to the historical and cultural values of the hunters, anglers, trappers and other outdoor enthusiasts of Idaho.

Voting Data: 22 Member Organizations Support Position, Idaho Traditional Bowhunters did not cast a vote.

