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AN URGENT MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS:

In recent years, you and I have played a leading role in persuading Congress to pass a number of bills for the protection of both wild and domestic animals. These include the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Sore Horse Act, and many others. Unfortunately, much -- if not all -- of our valuable work may well go down the drain in one fell swoop... thanks to the nomination of Stanley Hathaway to become the new Secretary of the Interior.

Although the present Secretary, Rogers Morton, may not be a burning conservationist, he is not an outspoken and lifelong friend of the hunter, the trapper, the poisoner, the sheep raiser, and the strip miner which is an exact description of his proposed successor.

If the Secretary of the Interior were not in charge of the administration of all public lands and virtually all of our remaining wildlife, it would not be so bad. However, if Hathaway is confirmed, he is in a position to emasculate all of our good legislation and, worse, influence the White House to revoke such presidential programs as the ban on the use of poisons to "control" predators.

Stanley Hathaway just completed his second four-year term as Governor of Wyoming. During these eight years, he administered a program to poison golden eagles, in the mistaken belief that they were a menace to the all powerful sheep industry in Wyoming. He sponsored the liberal sprinkling of such poisons as 1080 and strychnine over both federal and state lands.

As Governor, he sponsored hunting in Grand Teton National Park which, according to the Department of the Interior, is the only National Park in the United States that permits public hunting.

As Governor, he leased more Wyoming state land for strip mining than is leased by the United States Government out of the whole of the public lands of the United States.

As Governor, he ok'ed the massive diversion of precious water to industrial use, at the expense of Wyoming farmers.

All in all, as a governor, he was a disaster from the standpoint of conservation, preservation, and ecology. Were he to be confirmed as Secretary of the Interior, he could switch his attention from a single state to all fifty states... with the predictable result.

Would Mr. Hathaway not approve hunting in all National Parks?

Would he not approve nationwide poisoning?

Would he not lease more and more federal lands to the strip miners?

Mr. Hathaway might make an able Secretary of Defense or Secretary of Commerce, but he has no qualifications at all to be Secretary of the Interior. As one journalist put it, "making Stanley

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Hathaway Secretary of the Interior is like putting W.C. Fields in charge of a day care center."

We can and, if we really try, will block Hathaway's nomination when it comes up for a vote in the Senate in the next few days. As it is being rushed through the Senate, there isn't time for a letter to your Senators. However, please either phone or wire one or both of your U.S. Senators. This kind of telegram can be sent for only two dollars and can be addressed simply to Senator _____, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Please do your part and phone or wire both your Senators today. You can help preserve our public lands from over-grazing and strip mining and save our wildlife from hunting and poisoning.

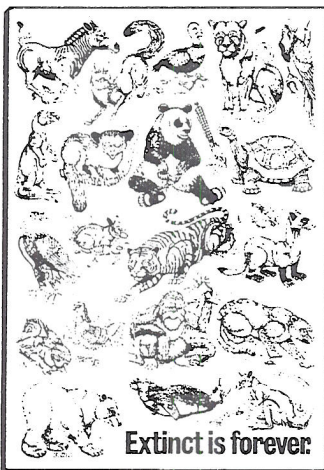
Please do this little bit for yourself and for future generations.

Sincerely yours,



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