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WASHINGTON

October 26, 1976

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FROM: JIM CONNOR *JCB*

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Chamberlain Basin
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Please follow-up with any other action that is necessary.

cc: Dick Cheney

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October 25, 1976

Dear Steve:

I have reviewed your suggestion for designating the Chamberlain Basin as a wilderness.

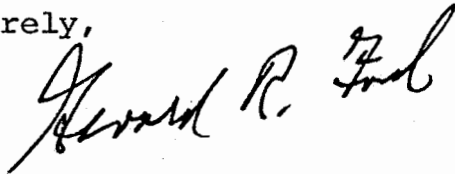
I am fully aware of the importance of the Chamberlain Basin as the heart of one of Idaho's finest primitive areas. The Basin is recognized as a major spawning area for salmon, steelheads and other fish, as well as a grazing area for several major elk herds.

Given the importance of the Chamberlain Basin to the overall integrity of the area in question, I have decided that it should be designated as a wilderness area.

Upon the return of the Congress, I will recommend that my original proposal be amended to reflect this decision.

I appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention, and I believe that the inclusion of the Chamberlain Basin will result in a more certain preservation of the natural treasures of this area.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Steven D. Symms
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515