



OWYHEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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Senator Mike Crapo
251 E. Front St. Suite 205
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Dear Senator Crapo,

The Owyhee County Farm Bureau passed a resolution at it's policy development meeting on September 12, 2006 supporting Senate bill No. S. 3794 the "Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2006."

The Owyhee County Farm Bureau believes that the Act will bring much needed management and stability to Federal lands grazing in the county. Protection of property rights is a primary concern of the Farm Bureau and we are supporting this Act given the assurances we have received that the property interests that will be relinquished will be compensated for.

District IV of the Idaho Farm Bureau (consisting of Ada, Elmore, Owyhee, Washington, Canyon, Gem, and Payette counties) met on September 14, 2006 and voted unanimously to adopt Owyhee County's resolution of support. Again, it was the stability for the County and the property rights protection for those rights relinquished that overcame policy against wilderness designation and allowed support for the Act.

We want to thank you for your leadership in this grassroots effort to resolve these land management issues.

Sincerely,

Tim Lowry
Pres. Owyhee Co. Farm Bureau