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Dear Foundation Member:

I'm sure that we are all very anxious to return to Henrys Lake this summer to again try to lure that wild cutthroat, lunker hybrid, and the special brooktrout of Bob Spateholts. We have some good news and some bad news. First the bad news. Due to lack of funds and top level management decisions it looked like we were not going to be able to work with the Idaho Fish and Game Department this year on the habitat improvements on Targee and Howard creeks. As you know the foundation had made plans to put a screen on one of the two creeks. Last month Virgil Moore had indicated that budgets did not allow any screening projects to happen this summer at Henrys Lake--BUT--The good news is that due to the efforts of Virgil, Bob Rohrer, and former commissioner Dick Schwares our case is now being re-evaluated by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and early indications are that there might be a strong possibility of some screening on Henrys this year - Lets Hope So! The new commission is meeting this month and we are hoping that our enhancement plan will be reviewed and favorably passed upon.

Last month our foundation supplied \$100, time, and effort for the hybrid sterilization project. Dr. Thorgaard of Washington State University, Dr. Alton Stier, Terry Patterson of the College of Southern Idaho's Fish Technology program, Bob Rohrer, and other fisheries people all met at the Henrys Lake hatchery and in a two day project used a heat treatment process on over 100,00 hybrid eggs. As a result of this heat process, the hybrids will be sterile fish when they hatch and can therefore, utilize all their growth potential on size and weight. Initial indications showed good success and we are waiting for a final word from Dr. Thorgaard.

A quick call to the Henrys Lake hatchery shows that the spawning run is in full swing and will continue on through April and the first part of May. The number of fish is about the same as last year. This is to be expected with the real increases coming in 1984 and 1985. I'm sure that you will all join with me in encouraging the Idaho Fish and Game Department to continue their planting rates of 2.3 cutthroat, 200,000 + hybrids, and additional brooktrout. It would seem to be a real mistake to start robbing the 'golden goose' and revert back to old ways.

Last month the Governor of Idaho appointed several new fish and game commissioners. The south central area's new commissioner is: Norman H. Guth, P.O. Box D, Salmon, ID 83467, and the new commissioner for eastern Idaho is: Lew Racine, P.O. Box 1391, Pocatello, ID 83201. I am sure these new members would like to hear from you and your enthusiasm for the Henrys Lake Enhancement plan.

Foundation members, we are in need of a strong recruiting effort from each and every one of you this next month. Even though our members are about the same as last year we must increase our treasury and our rooster so that we will have over \$6,000 for the Idaho Fish and Game Department by our July meeting. Please make a special effort in the next 30 days to encourage anyone interested to join our foundation. Our current treasury is about \$4,100 and if we all recruit several new members our goal of \$6,000 should be easily reached. In your recruitment effort, remember that we voted in the "life membership" idea. Anyone wishing a "life membership" can do so with a \$100 donation. We now have several "life members" and well all hope that many more are willing to donate to your foundation.

Also coming up the first of July is the annual Henrys Lake member meeting. The exact time and place will be on posters again this year in all the resorts in the Island Park Henrys Lake area. All indications are that the meeting will be sometime between July 3 and July 10, 1983 with July 3 being the most likely. We hope that all of you will plan to be there this year since last years picnic was so successful.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to help fishing and Henrys Lake by not only contributing dollars but also by giving a small part of your time to let everyone know about Henrys Lake and the need to continue developing the beautiful resource to its potential.

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