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Mr. J. H. Haven, President,
Clearwater River Valley Conservation League,
Lewiston, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Haven:

Your letter of October 12, addressed to Mr. Beck of the President's Wildlife Committee, has been referred to this Bureau for reply to that portion in which you criticize the Biological Survey on the assumption that this Bureau is "decidedly favorable to the sheep men and grazing sheep in national forests is not to the best interest of our wild game."

We were unaware that the sportsmen of your section are opposed to the policies of this Bureau. Our program has not benefited the sheepmen any more than it has the sportsmen, cattlemen, farmers or poultry growers. The Biological Survey is restoring natural environment as rapidly as funds will permit in order that there may be better conditions for the propagation of migratory waterfowl and other forms of wildlife. In Oregon and Washington Bureau personnel have been very active in transplanting beaver from localities where they are harmful to mountainous sections where they will not interfere with the activities of man. The Biological Survey workers have been largely responsible for the establishment of refuges and the protection of the antelope herds throughout California, Nevada and Oregon.

The control of predatory animals, financed in large part by the sheepmen and other stockgrowers, has benefited not only these interests but has meant the elimination of predators which would have otherwise greatly reduced the game herds. For these reasons, the Bureau has as a whole had excellent support from the conservation organizations throughout the West.

Your letter is being referred to the Forest Service for further reply.

Very truly yours,

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Stanley P. Young,
In Charge, Division of
Game Management.

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