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Mr. Eliot Porter,
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Dear Mr. Porter;

I enjoyed your letter to the Santa Fe New Mexican on the Wilderness Preservation Bill. Your statement was good and to the point. I wish you had been at the hearing in Albuquerque on Nov. 14 and submitted a statement there. You could still file a statement with Senator Anderson and request it be included in the hearing record because you were unable to be there. We need all the support we can get.

I made a statement at the hearing on behalf of the New Mexico Wildlife and Conservation Association, in support of Wilderness Preservation. I also made a statement for myself because I feel so strongly on the subject and have been the American Forestry Association's representative on 10 of its Wilderness Trail Rides in 5 different States. The Santa Fe Wildlife and Conservation Association did not present a statement because it had had no opportunity for the Association to approve one. Since the hearing the Board of Directors has approved a statement and it has been sent to Senator Anderson with request it be included in the hearings records. You could do the same if you desire.

The Santa Fe Wildlife and Conservation Association will hold its next meeting at the Wood-Gormley School Gym at 7:30 P. M. december 11, for election of officers and for a full discussion of the Wilderness bill. You are cordially invited to attend. I would like very much to sign you up as a new member and enclose application for membership card here with. As a member you can help us on such things as the Wilderness Bill. We need you and you need us.

Sincerely yours,

Elliott S. Barker. (over)
Member, Board of Directors

P.S.

At the Dec 11 meeting I will show
a set of 90 color slides of
my recent trip in the Bridges
wilderness area of Wyoming.
Magnificent scenery and
fabulous fishing. Please
come.

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