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Dear Member Club:

I am pleased to transmit the text of twenty-one resolutions adopted on August 27, 2000 by the delegates from member clubs who participated in the 69th annual convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs meeting in Redding, California.

We had a fine convention that was hosted by the Shasta Group of the Sierra Club's Mother Lode Chapter. Once again, Win Hayward of the California Alpine Club took the lead in putting together an excellent program. Unfortunately, outgoing FWOC President Brock Evans was not able to attend because of medical treatment, but he is fine now. I was elected as the new President of the Federation (I recently retired as the Chairman of the Sierra Club). Win Hayward continues as the principal Vice President, with Nancy Kroening (from Friends of Discovery Park) continuing as Secretary and Don Moore as Treasurer (from the Desomount Club). Most of the state Vice Presidents continue.

The resolutions that were adopted deal with issues in six western states, as well as a variety of generic topics: banning off-road vehicle use of national forest trails; ending use of snowmobiles in national parks; ending the recreation fee demonstration program on federal lands; ending commercial logging on federal lands; and wider use of prescribed burning in managing forest lands. They also express opposition to a variety of ill-conceived projects: the Yucca Mountain High-Level Nuclear waste repository; filling of San Francisco Bay to expand its airport; oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; expansion of Fort Irwin in California: confined animal feed lots (CAFOs) in Idaho, and re-building a road to the Jarbidge Wilderness in