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Mr. David Stack, Vice President and Executive Director
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Dear Dave:

On behalf of The Wildlife Society, I am writing to express support and appreciation for the efforts of the National Museum of Forest Service History to construct the National Conservation Legacy and Education Center (NCLEC).

The Wildlife Society (TWS) was founded in 1937 and is a non-profit scientific and educational association of over 9,100 professional wildlife biologists and managers, dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to represent and serve wildlife professionals—the scientists, technicians, and practitioners actively working to study, manage, and conserve native and desired non-native wildlife and their habitats worldwide.

TWS has an excellent working relationship with the United States Forest Service, and we are proud to offer our support to the NCLEC. The historical legacy of the many great men and women who have served with the United States Forest Service deserves preservation, and we are pleased to contribute to this project.

As you know, professional societies have always been important partners for the Forest Service and filled an important role for Service employees. Such partnerships should be interpreted for visitors to the Center, and TWS would be happy to work with you on this. Another potential area for collaboration is the archival footage of our own legacy project, *Celebrating our Wildlife Conservation Heritage*. The oral histories collected in COWCH represent over 80 years of experience with wildlife, conservation, and ecology across the United States, and offer insight into the lives of those who have dedicated their lives to this work.

We look forward to working with the National Museum of Forest Service History on contributing to the National Conservation Legacy and Education Center, and welcome the opportunity to recognize and honor those who have worked at the forefront of conservation.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Leopold, Ph.D.
President