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MEMORANDUM TO: Member States of the Western Association
of State Game and Fish Commissioners

Seventh Western States Mule Deer Workshop

The 1978 Mule Deer Workshop has been scheduled for February 22-24 on the Utah State University campus in Logan, Utah. Would you let me know who your representative will be?

At the workshop two years ago in Boise it was the concensus that the states pool their findings on highway crossing structures for deer, and from a discussion of the individual states' findings a set of guidelines be drawn up. Would you send what material your department might have on this subject, and we will produce a draft to serve as a basis for discussion at the workshop.

Your representative should be prepared to make a status report to include population trend, harvests, habitat condition trends, etc. for the past two years. A short session will also be reserved for a summation by each state of their mule deer research projects in progress or completed within the past two years. Please send me a list of your projects and a complete list will be compiled and made available at the workshop.

Other suggested topics include:

1. Winter Severity Index - apparently a couple of states have been working on this. If your state is involved and you would like to make a presentation, please let me know and I'll reserve a spot on the agenda.
2. Evaluation of Management Techniques - A suggested approach is to discuss one or two techniques at each workshop and develop guidelines in their use that would be beneficial to the individual states.
3. Allocation of the Mule Deer Resource Among A Growing Number of Hunters
4. Environmental Impacts on Mule Deer Habitat
5. Methods Used in Estimating Mule Deer Populations - federal land management agencies are now requesting these figures to include in AMPs, EIS', etc.
6. Effect of Wilderness on Mule Deer and Their Management

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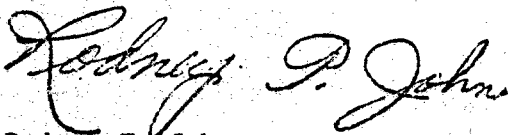
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Please keep in mind that the above are only suggestions. Let me know your feelings on them, and any other suggestions or topics you might have. Hopefully we will have time for papers on special mule deer related research, so if you have something of this nature please let me know.

Our goal is to generate meaningful discussions among the various states' representatives, and from these discussions produce guidelines useful to each separate state in the management of its mule deer resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney T. John". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rodney T. John
Workshop Chairman

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