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Mr. Smith,

This letter is to inform the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) that the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) in its May 2007 meeting voted unanimously to endorse the Imagery for the Nation initiative (IFTN) that was developed and championed by NSGIC for the benefit of all 50 states.

The IGC has for several years identified orthoimagery as one of its priority statewide data themes in the Idaho Geospatial Data Implementation Plan (I-Plan). Additionally, we have actively promoted collaboration between local, state, and federal government agencies in the acquisition of aerial imagery. Digital imagery has been recognized as the foundation for most public and private geographic information systems in Idaho.

IGC support of NSGIC's IFTN is aligned with that of the National Governors Association and the Western Governors' Association; both organizations have expressed formal support of large-area data acquisition practices, such as those identified in NSGIC's "*Imagery for the Nation.*"

Further, the IGC applauds NSGIC's efforts to address and mitigate the concerns expressed by the Western Governors' Geographic Information Council, and looks forward to IFTN implementation in the State of Idaho.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Nydegger", written over a circular stamp.

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Cc: Mike Gwartney, Idaho Chief Information Officer, ITRMC Chairman, and Director, Department of Administration

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