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Letters

Sorry, George

An open letter to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States.

Mr. President, I was quite impressed by your campaign speeches. As you said in the final presidential debate, "I am an environmentalist." I, too, am an environmentalist.

I've been reading over the transcript of that final debate quite closely. I found one answer quite inspiring: "Clean water, I'm for clean water."

I recall that under the Clean Water Act, the federal government is required to certify that a polluter is satisfactorily cleaning up, or else take over the cleanup. But after this year's Exxon Valdez spill, your executive branch had done neither, even 93 days — over three months — after the spill oc-

curred.

Already on day 90, 26,000 dead birds and 820 dead otters have been counted. Many of these waterfowl are protected by our international Migratory Bird Treaty, and others, including the national symbol of our great and majestic nation, the Bald Eagle, are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

I remember when you asked me and my compatriots to "read your lips." I did. When you said "I am an environmentalist," I believed. But I was always taught that actions speak louder than words. Bearing that in mind, please: "put your money where your mouth is."

Your disappointed but loyal constituent:

Matthew Weeks
Eugene

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By GARY LARSON



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