

Meeting Date: July 27, 2023

Agenda Item No. 5.I.

Agenda Item: Montpelier WMA- Kidd Land Exchange
(ACTION)

Bureau Chief Approval:

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Background:

The Montpelier WMA- Kidd Land Exchange would approve the Department to exchange 1.8 acres of encroached upon land located on the south side of the Montpelier WMA (WMA) for a nearby 1.4 acres located on the southwest boundary of the WMA. The Department's 1.8 acre parcel has been built upon by the neighboring land owner (Kidd). The exchange will transfer legal ownership of the 1.8 acres to Kidd and allow them to keep their home and shop in its current location, and will give the Department a new 1.4 acre parcel that is adjacent to the WMA and of equal or greater habitat value. This will resolve all ownership and property boundary issues related to the accidental building encroachment.

A brokers opinion was conducted and each parcel was valued at \$30,000. Kidd will be responsible for all closing costs. No additional exchange of funds would be necessary to equalize value between the parcels.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in May 2023.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has the authority to acquire land (Idaho Code 36-104(b)(7)). Land acquisition is in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Bear Lake County commissioners have been notified.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends completing the Montpelier WMA- Kidd land exchange.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the Montpelier WMA- Kidd land exchange.