

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2-15

**Agenda Item No.** 5E

**Agenda Item:** Region 3 – West Acquisition

**Bureau Chief Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background:**

The 1.1-acre and 7.24-acre subject properties are located on the Payette River approximately 2 miles from the town of New Plymouth, ID. The sites will be used for public access and a future potential administrative site on the Birding Islands Segment of the Payette River WMA. These properties border the Bicandi property purchased in 2012 with BPA wildlife mitigation funds.

IDFG owns significant key parcels along the Payette River in this vicinity, both up-and-downstream, so further protection of wildlife corridors along the river would enhance the value of existing habitat.

These properties were previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in July of 2014.

Acquisition costs are \$14,223 and \$92,775, respectively, and IDFG oil and gas lease funds will be used for the acquisitions.

FILT is \$0 as it is less than 15 acres.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Payette County commissioners were notified on July 13, 2015.

**Justification:**

Acquisition of these properties would support the Department mission to provide public access.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Lands Committee recommends proceeding with the acquisitions.

**Action Requested:**

Approval of Commission to proceed with the acquisitions.

Suggested Motion: Commission adopt staff recommendations to proceed with the West Acquisitions.