A new rule approved during Idaho’s recent legislative session exempts the companion of a disabled hunter from the requirement of having a tag while helping a disabled hunter who has the appropriate tag and a valid disabled combination license.

The rule applies to big game as well as game birds.

Companions assisting disabled hunters no longer are required to have a tag or controlled hunt permit to assist a disabled hunter. However, the companion must have a valid license and applicable special weapon permit (i.e. — for an archery only hunt, the companion would need an archery permit) when assisting a disabled hunter with taking big game.

The rules for a companion assisting a disabled hunter allow the companion to take wildlife that has been wounded by a disabled hunter and to place and validate the disabled hunter’s tag on the wildlife.

The companion to a disabled hunter must carry a written statement of designation from the disabled hunter while hunting with the disabled hunter or assisting them with taking and tagging their wildlife. For more information about the rules for a companion to a disabled hunter, please contact the local Fish and Game office.

**Disabled Hunter:**
Name: _________________________
Address: ________________________ City: ____________  State/Zip: _____________
Hunting License Number: _________________  Driver’s License: _________________

**Disabled Hunter Companion:**
Name: _________________________
Address: ________________________ City: ____________  State/Zip: _____________
Hunting License Number: _________________  Date of Birth: _________________

This is to certify that I, ___ hunter ________, Hunting License #, ________________ do designate ___ companion name_____ to be my hunter companion while hunting _____ wildlife______ on this day: _______ date ________.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________