

Landowner Appreciation Program Negotiated Rule Making Draft Proposal-Revision #2

New Program Proposal:

Dissolve the current LAP program and create a new program that focuses on habitat quantity and quality and incentivizes improving private land.

Landowners would reregister property and only seasonally important or year-round habitat for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope or bear would count toward their acreage.

Landowners would be eligible within hunts or units prescribed by the Commission.

Tag Allocation:

- All landowners with at least 640 acres of registered land providing seasonally or year-round important habitat for big game would receive 1 tag (base tag).
- Landowners with at least 5,000 acres of registered land providing seasonally or year-round important habitat for big game more would receive a second (base tag).
- Landowners with at least 10,000 acres of registered land providing seasonally or year-round important habitat for big game more would receive a third (base tag).
- Landowners would be eligible for “stewardship tags” by participating in one or more of the following activities:
 - Enter into a wildlife habitat management agreement with the Department (1 stewardship tag).
 - Enter into an access agreement either to private land or through private land to “landlocked” public lands (1 stewardship tag).
 - Enter into a 1- year depredation release agreement (1 stewardship tag); only available in areas with documented depredation problems (definition- a unit or portion of a unit with a history or documentation of previous or current problems).
- Landowners with 320 up to 639 acres, of seasonally important or year-round habitat for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope or bear would be able to work with Department staff to secure “stewardship tags” by entering into access, depredation or management agreements (no habitat base tags). Depredation agreements would only be available in areas with documented depredation problems.

Tag Categories:

- There are two categories of tags that a landowner can select from:
 - Family Tags ---Tags designated to an immediate family member or employee (as defined by Idaho code-Title 72), would be valid for the entire hunt area.
 - Private Lands Tags---Tags designated to anybody else would only be valid on any private land within the hunt area with agreement of the landowner.
- Private Lands tag designations/vouchers may be marketed or sold.

- Tags would be available with landowner's choice for elk, deer, pronghorn and bear. Due to availability of pronghorn antelope tags, any eligible landowner would be restricted to only 1 pronghorn tag.
- All Private Lands tags that are designated outside the landowner's immediate family or direct employees would count against the statewide nonresident tag quota.