

FINANCIAL PLAN

Management of elk in Idaho is almost entirely funded by hunters. Although many non-hunting citizens of Idaho enjoy the presence of elk, IDFG receives no state general funds for management. The 2 primary sources of revenue are state-generated license and tag sales and federal funding available through the Pittman-Robertson Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program administered by the USFWS. Historically, elk management has received a disproportionately high percentage of state and federal funds. Additionally, IDFG implements a limited number of elk projects funded by sportsmen organizations and cost-share agreements with the USFS and BLM.

Management goals in this plan are ambitious and will require public support and additional funding to accomplish. Particularly, attainment of long-term population objectives will require extensive habitat management activities with associated costs. Short-term management objectives can likely be met with existing funding. The IDFG will continue to work with the Governor's Office, other elected officials, federal land management agencies, conservation organizations, private landowners, and sportsmen to secure the necessary funding for attainment of long-term management goals. While we anticipate a vast majority of elk management program costs will continue to be borne by hunters, IDFG will actively pursue nontraditional funding sources, especially for those program activities that benefit all Idaho citizens. As a priority program for IDFG, elk management will continue to receive a disproportionately high percentage of wildlife management funding.

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