



## IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

**March 2026 Commission Meeting**

**Agenda Item:** *Deer and Elk Status Update*

**Presented by:** *Toby Boudreau*

**Position/Title:** *Deer/Elk Program Coordinator*

**Agenda Item No.:** *11*  
**Supervisor Approval:** *SR*

**Background:**

Staff use a variety of data sources to monitor Idaho's deer and elk populations. These data sources are also used, along with public input, to develop recommended hunting season changes during the biennial season setting process. During this presentation, staff will overview the current status of deer and elk populations, mortality monitoring results, and 2025/2026 aerial composition and abundance survey results.

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

Idaho Statute 36-104 authorizes the commission to establish rules for the taking of wildlife consistent with state policy.

**Public Involvement Process:**

The public will have opportunity to comment on the agenda item at the public meeting.

**Justification:**

Information will aid Commissioners as they respond to requests, recommendations, or other questions from the public.

**Staff Recommendation:**

None.

**Suggested Motion:**

None – Informational only.