



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

July 2026 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: IFWF Update

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Supervisor Approval: AW

Background:

The Commission has requested updates about the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation activities.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

None.

Public Involvement Process:

None.

Justification:

Requested by the Commission.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A – Informational only.

Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Update

1. The Foundation purchased a property located at 13321 Hwy 55, McCall, Idaho to be used for the construction of a new Valley County Sub-Regional office. The site is 22.5 acres, with access off Hwy 55 (about 1.5 miles north of Donnelly). This property's site plan includes an 8,300 square foot office building, secure fenced yard, enclosed shop and fisheries storage building, 32 covered parking spaces, 4,350 sq.ft. of covered storage. The office building will include 14 walled offices, wildlife and fisheries bull pen, 10 open office workspaces, 628 sq.ft. conference room, wetlab and freezer, and breakroom. Phase 2 will include hub and spoke model for RV pads, and a small dorm with bathroom and kitchen facilities.

The Foundation's CUP application was granted on May 14, 2026, by the Valley County Planning & Zoning Commission. Tamara Thompson of The Land Group will act as the IFWF Owners Representative, as she has done with the Nampa Regional Office and Headquarters building. The Foundation has begun the site testing on the property-geotechnical, long term water testing, and wetlands survey. We have also begun the process of moving towards getting materials prepared for the permitting process with Valley County.

In the next few months, the Foundation will begin working with Eric Heringer, Piper Sadler, to research the best financing options for the Department and Foundation.



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Construction is projected to begin Spring of 2027, dry in by winter 2027 and move in Spring 2028.

2. At the Foundation's May 2nd meeting, held in McCall, Idaho, the Board of Directors reviewed a grant request from the Upper Snake Regional office. The grant request was submitted by Supervisor Pieron and presented by Chief of Administration Jon Oswald for a donation towards the rebuild of the Henry's Lake Cabin. I am pleased to announce that the Foundation awarded the Department \$500,000 towards the construction costs. This is the largest donation the Foundation has made to date.
3. The next Foundation Board of Directors meeting will be held August 7-8th in Sandpoint.