



Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan 2023

A statewide plan for conserving and managing Idaho's most at-risk fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats, the Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan provides strategic and voluntary guidance on priority conservation actions needed for species of greatest conservation/information need, with an emphasis on preventing future endangered species listings, thus helping maintain state-led management authority for Idaho's native fish, wildlife, and plants.

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

- Many Idaho species are experiencing impacts from a variety of sources and are likely to continue to decline or become increasingly vulnerable without intervention
- Many species lack the information needed to adequately assess their conservation status
- Lack of dedicated funding continues to result in unmet conservation opportunities

WHY DOES IT MATTER?



- Wildlife belongs to the people of Idaho—investing in our shared wildlife is good for all Idahoans
- Investing in the Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan is key to sustaining the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's mission to "preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage" all wildlife, thus providing for the citizens of the state for future generations

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Conservation of at-risk species complements existing programs funded with revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses by providing broad benefits to a diversity of fish, wildlife, and plants
- Proactive conservation can avoid increased federal regulations and costly endangered species recovery efforts
- Maintaining state-led management authority for all species provides a safe and dependable regulatory environment for industry and landowners to invest in and operate from

269 Species

of greatest conservation/
information need



TOP CHALLENGES

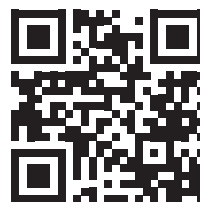
- Modified natural water flows and wildfire patterns
- Invasive species and wildlife disease
- Habitat loss due to urbanization, energy development, and related infrastructure
- Balancing sustainable forestry practices with forest health and species of greatest conservation need

KEY ACTIONS

- Improve water flow and retention to benefit both working landscapes and wildlife
- Restore natural fire regimes that promote healthy forest and rangeland conditions
- Reduce the harmful effects of invasive plant and animal species
- Provide technical assistance to forestry producers, resource managers, and private landowners about opportunities to avoid or minimize negative effects on species of greatest conservation need



The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has recently completed an agency wide prioritization of the newly-revised 2023 Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan. The prioritization process involved all Department bureaus and programs to promote collaboration on incorporation of actions for species of greatest conservation/information need, and/or their habitats, into existing (and new) management projects, which will result in benefits for all of Idaho's native fish and wildlife.



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