



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

May 2025 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: Draft Mountain Goat Management Plan
Release for Public Input

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Bureau Chief Approval: SR

Background:

Staff will present an overview of the Draft Mountain Goat Management Plan and seek Commission approval to release the draft for public comment.

The intent of an update to the Mountain Goat Management Plan is to provide guidance for the Department and their partners to implement management actions that will aid in protection and management of mountain goat populations in Idaho and guide harvest season recommendations. The plan will function as the action plan for mountain goat management in Idaho. Major issues that affect mountain goats are identified, which set overall direction for mountain goat management during the next 6 years (2025-2030). This plan will guide the Department in annual work plan development and program prioritization and provide guidance on development of regulatory recommendations.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through supervision and management of the Department (Idaho Code 36-104). Species Management Plans are guiding documents for species management in Idaho and are a direct reflection of the Department's Strategic Plan. The Mountain Goat Management Plan will function as the action plan for mountain goat management in Idaho.

Public Involvement Process:

Once the draft Mountain Goat Management Plan is approved for release by the Commission, the Department will seek input on the draft plan from the public, interested groups, and affected agencies. If approved for release at this meeting, public input will be sought during May - June 2025.

Justification:

This agenda item is for Commission information on the current status on the revision of the Mountain Goat Management Plan. The Commission sets policy and provides direction, considers input from the public, and has the authority to adopt, amend, or reject Department recommended plans.

Staff Recommendation:

No formal action is requested at this time. Staff seek Commission concurrence to release the Draft Mountain Goat Management Plan to the public, agency partners, and interested organizations for their comments. Staff will revise the draft based on input received with



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intent to present a summary of public input and the proposed final plan to the Commission for approval and adoption at the July 2025 meeting.

Suggested Motion:

None.