



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

March 2025 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: Angus Creek Mitigation Donation (Action)

Presented by: Sal Palazzolo

Position/Title: State Wildlife Habitat Manager

Agenda Item No.: 5F

Bureau Chief Approval: SR

Background:

Due to impacts to the Blackfoot River WMA from operations of the Rasmussen Valley Mining operation, the Department entered into a mitigation agreement (2016) with Nu-West Industries. That agreement recognizes the need to mitigate 111-acres of surface disturbance on the WMA and, in part, requires Nu-West Industries to donate the 167-acre Angus Creek property to the Commission.

The property is located on the NE corner of the WMA, less than ½ mile from the area impacted from the mining operations. The property would be managed as part of the WMA, which aims to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife and fish species including waterfowl and native cutthroat trout. The property does come with a stock water right and would be open for public access.

The donation was previously presented to the Commission in the January 2026 executive session.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has the authority to acquire land (Idaho Code 36-104(b)(7)). Land acquisition is in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Caribou County Commissioners have been notified.

Justification:

Acceptance of the Angus Creek property would satisfy requirements of the 2016 mitigation agreement and add valuable wildlife habitat to the Blackfoot River WMA.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend accepting the donation of the 167-acre Angus Creek property.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Commission accept donation of the 167-acre Angus Creek property.



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