



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

November 2025 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: General IFWF Update

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Position/Title: Foundation Development Coordinator

Agenda Item No.: 9

Supervisor Approval: AW

Background:

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:

1. 2025 IFWF Competitive Grant Funding (\$99,288)
 - a. Glendale Fire Rehabilitation – Herbicide Treatments, Regents of the University of Idaho (\$7,500)
 - b. Blackfoot River Cutthroat Trout Genetics Assessment, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (\$10,000)
 - c. Hatchet River Ranch Stream Stabilization, Friends of the Teton River (\$10,000)
 - d. Growing Idaho State's New Hunter Mentoring Program, First Hunt Foundation (\$7,500)
 - e. Continuing Enhancing and Maintaining of Mule Deer Winter Range & Public Access, Sage Brush Steppe Land Trust (\$10,000)
 - f. Noxious Weed Handbooks, Bonner County (\$9,288)
 - g. Protecting an Iconic Property: Hailey Hot Springs Ranch, Wood River Land Trust (\$10,000)
 - h. Rowenhorst Family Farm and Migration Corridor, The Land Trust of the Treasure Valley (\$10,000)

2025 IDFG-Only \$25k Competitive Grant

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2. Bear spray giveaway (IDFG Commission Challenge Grant Supported)



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The 2025 Bear Spray Giveaway was held on Saturday, August 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sawtelle Mountain Resort. The event's primary objective was to equip hunters and anglers in eastern Idaho's bear country with bear spray.

Secondary objectives focused on equipping attendees with practical skills and knowledge to promote safety in bear country. Participants engaged in hands-on training to practice proper bear spray deployment and visited the bear education trailer to learn safe recreation practices, gain insight into bear behavior, and explore strategies for preventing conflicts. Collectively, these efforts aim to reduce negative human–bear interactions, enhance public safety, and encourage responsible outdoor recreation.

The 2025 Bear Spray Giveaway distributed 300 cans of bear spray and provided hands-on bear safety training to approximately 600–700 attendees. The IDFG Upper Snake staff, including Cade Bowlin and James Brower provided training with the remote-controlled bear and inert spray.

The Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation provided \$4,400 in funding for the giveaway. Plans are being made for the 2026 giveaway.

3. The next IFWF Board Meeting will be held virtually December 5th.

Suggested Motion:

None – Informational.