



# APPLICATION FOR IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME CITIZEN SHOOTING RANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) is seeking volunteers for a new Citizen Shooting Range Advisory Committee called for in House Bill 396, which became law on July 1, 2020. Among other changes to law, House Bill 396 added Idaho Code section 36-418 which established the Committee. The Committee's task is to advise IDFG about applications solicited by IDFG each year for shooting range grants awarded from the Public Shooting Range Fund (Fund), administered by the IDFG Commission. Currently, IDFG awards about \$555,000 in grant funding for public shooting ranges annually, including archery ranges. The mix of funds includes federal manufacturer excise taxes collected on the sales of firearms, ammunition and archery equipment that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages as a Hunter Education grant to IDFG and other states' wildlife management agencies. Idaho's Fund also includes fine and forfeiture monies remitted for wildlife crimes.

Organizations eligible to submit a grant application include:

- Non-profit shooting organizations having as their purpose the promotion of firearm and archery safety, and improving shooting technique and marksmanship (e.g., rod and gun clubs, fish and game associations, sportsmen's clubs and firearm and archery ranges).
- Units of State or local governments that own and manage shooting ranges.

Grant recipients are required to provide public access during agreed upon times. The standard for public access to ranges is a reasonable number of regularly scheduled, continuing public shooting hours for simple, recreational shooting or target practice. Public access does not have to be free, ranges may restrict public access to other portions of the facility not benefiting by the work accomplished under the grant. Public access can also be by appointment only. A member of the public should not have to be enrolled in a class, purchase a membership to the club, be a guest of a club member, participate in an organized competitive event, or pay more than a modest fee to access the range facility.

The term of volunteer assignment to the Citizen Shooting Range Advisory Committee will be one year. Requests for serving more than one term will be considered by the Director of IDFG on an individual basis. Emphasis will be placed on trying to select representatives from each IDFG Region (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/offices>), not to exceed seven total representatives. IDFG desires candidates who use shooting ranges and are familiar with the needed elements for safe public shooting ranges in their community. The Committee will reflect a diversity of active shooters including hunters, recreational and competitive shooters (rifle, pistol, shotgun) including (under pistol for example) bullseye - practical (USPSA/IDPA/Steel) and silhouette disciplines.

The Committee will be most active each February-March in conjunction with the shooting range grant cycle. IDFG will provide facilitation and logistical support to the Committee.

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Why would you like to be on the Citizen Shooting Range Advisory Committee?**

**Are you a member of a shooting or range club or other related membership organization?**

**Do you shoot a firearm or bow at a public range?**

**If Yes to the above question - how often (rarely, occasionally, frequently, other)**

**Reasons for using the range**

1. Are you a Recreational shooter?
  
2. Are you a Competitive shooter?
  - a. Rifle (high power – silhouette – other)
  
  - b. Pistol (bullseye – practical – silhouette – other)
  
  - c. Shotgun (trap – skeet – sporting clays – other)
  
  - d. Multi-gun (practical – cowboy action – other)
  
3. Do you shoot to prepare for hunting (sight-in – practice – other)?
  
4. Do you shoot for self-defense weapon practice?
  
5. Do you shoot to train/mentor another shooter?
  
6. Other reasons for using the range?
  
7. Other input you wish to provide:

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2020**

SUBMIT VIA MAIL OR EMAIL:

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