

**Meeting Date:** Jan 28, 2021

**Agenda Item No.** 5. B.

**Agenda Item:** Region 1 – Grays Meadows inholdings  
Morrow exchange

**Approved by:** TB

**Prepared by:** Don Kemner and Steve Elam

**Background:**

This proposed land exchange consists of small in-holdings within the Coeur d'Alene River Wildlife Management Area Grays Meadow segment located in Kootenai County. Morrow will convey to IDFG four parcels totaling 2.82 acres with an estimated aggregate value of \$13,718. In exchange, IDFG will convey to Morrow one 3.75-acre parcel having an estimated value of \$13,594. The IDFG property shares a common boundary along the eastern edge with other property owned by Morrow.

The exchange is essential to remediation and restoration plans for the west field of the Gray's Meadow property. The Gray's Meadow Project will convert historic agricultural land use into a remediated and restored wetland complex of multiple habitat types. These habitat types are important for migrating waterfowl. Additionally, waterfowl and shorebirds use this area for breeding, nesting, and brood rearing. This area also provides seasonal habitat for white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in March 2020.

Morrow will donate the \$124 difference in property valuations to balance the trade.

IDFG already manages the adjacent surrounding land so resources are already available and on-site to manage these small additions to the WMA landbase. Annual maintenance costs are estimated to be \$117.

The change in FILT is estimated to be \$0 annually.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Kootenai County commissioners have been notified.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Department recommends completion of the exchange of the 3.75 acre IDFG property for the Morrow 2.82 acres.

**Suggested Motion:** I move to approve the exchange of 3.75 acres of IDFG land for the Morrow 2.82 acres.