

**Meeting Date:** July 28, 2022

**Agenda Item No.** 5G

**Agenda Item:** Region 1 – DEQ transfer

**Approved by:** JR

**Prepared by:** Steve Elam, Wildlife Staff Biologist, for Sal Palazzolo, State Habitat Manager

**Background:**

This proposal is for acceptance of fee-title for a 40 acre parcel from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The property is located between the towns of Pinehurst and Kellogg in the Panhandle region. Recreational access provided includes current fishing, hunting and trapping opportunities, future float-boat access, and public access to an additional 295 acres of BLM and IDEQ lands. Acquisition of the property would provide both habitat restoration opportunities and public access to a 3.5 mile section of the South Fork of the CDA River. IDFG purchased the neighboring 90 acre McKee property in 2021 as Phase 1 of the project. This transfer is phase 2.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in November 2018.

Annual maintenance costs are estimated to be \$1,680.

FILT is estimated at \$190 per year.

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

Land acquisition under the authority of Idaho Code section 36-104(b)(7) and in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Shoshone County commissioners have been notified.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Department recommends approving acceptance of the 40-acre property.

Suggested Motion: I move the Commission accept the 40 acre DEQ property transfer.