

BEFORE THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF NONRESIDENT)
FEE DISCOUNT FOR SANDHILL) ORDER 17-XX
CRANE TAGS)**

On November 17, 2017, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission reviewed tag fees and the current discounts for resident and nonresident sandhill crane tags for use in sandhill crane Hunt Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The Commission received the recommendation of the Wildlife Bureau Chief that applying a discount to the resident sandhill crane tag fee was no longer necessary to encourage resident participation in this hunting opportunity. However, the Wildlife Bureau Chief reported that nonresident participation would likely decline without a tag fee discount, affecting management goals for sandhill crane hunting. A modification of the existing discount for nonresident sandhill crane tags was evaluated by staff and reported to the Commission as a reasonable inflationary increase in the discount, which has been in place since 2009, that would not impede nonresident participation.

Therefore, under the authority of Idaho Code Section 36-415, based on a finding of biological and public need to encourage participation in the hunting of sandhill cranes in certain hunt areas in the Southeast and Upper Snake regions, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission hereby ORDERS the discount of nonresident tag fees for sandhill cranes to \$25.00, inclusive of vendor issuance fee, for the following Hunt Areas:

- Discounted nonresident tag fees for sandhill cranes will apply only for Hunt Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

This Order shall be effective for tags sold for calendar years 2018 and 2019, commencing with 2018 tag sales on December 1, 2017 and in effect through December 31, 2019.

Virgil Moore
Secretary of the Commission