

Meeting Date: March 22, 2018

Agenda Item No. 6C

Agenda Item: Region 3 – Young Acquisition
(Action)

Bureau Chief Approval:

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Background:

This 10.12-acre property located in Ada County, East of Boise, Idaho is an inholding within the Boise River WMA. The acquisition includes mineral rights and contains a riparian area with perennial stream. Fee title acquisition of this property will protect important mule deer and elk winter range. The parcel contains dense plant cover, provides security and forage for big game, breeding and nesting areas for upland species, and food sources for avian species. Although the total area of the parcel would protect only 10 additional acres of habitat, the impact to adjacent wintering habitat is significant because of the reduced threat of potential mining activity and access through the WMA.

The property is currently in native vegetation and has no buildings or improvements.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in November 2017.

The acquisition cost is \$30,000 and is being funded by HB 530 License funds. FILT is estimated at \$50 per year and operating and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$420/year.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Ada County commissioners have been notified.

Justification:

Protecting important mule deer and elk winter range and reducing threat of potential mining activity.

Staff Recommendation:

The Lands Committee recommends acquiring the 10-acre property.

Action Requested:

Approval of Commission to proceed with the acquisition of the Young property.

Suggested Motion: Commission adopts staff recommendation and approves acquisition of the 10-acre Young property.