

Meeting Date: November 14, 2017

Agenda Item No. 5A

Agenda Item: Region 3 – Eberhard Acquisition

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

This 5-acre property is located in Ada County, East of Boise, Idaho and is an inholding within the Boise River WMA. The primary wildlife community that would benefit from this acquisition is big game, including mule deer, elk, and pronghorn. Although the total area of the acquisition would protect only five additional acres of habitat, the impact to adjacent wintering habitat is significant because of the reduced threat of potential development and access through the WMA. 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.

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

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

The acquisition cost is \$6,000 and is being funded with license funds. Operating and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$210/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.

Staff Recommendation:

The Lands Committee recommends acquiring the 5-acre property.

Suggested Motion:

Commission adopt staff recommendation to approve fee title acquisition of the 5-acre Eberhard property as an addition to the Boise River WMA.