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## IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

### **Public Notification of Grizzly Bear Relocation PROCEDURE NO.: COM-2.0**

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Idaho Fish and Game Department - Procedure for public notification of grizzly bear relocation.

In support of Idaho Fish and Game Policy W- 3.0 "Idaho Wildlife Public Safety" the Department establishes the following procedure:

Upon relocating a grizzly bear in Idaho or upon receiving notification that a grizzly bear is being relocated within 5 miles of Idaho, the Department shall provide notification to the county sheriff of the county in, or closest to, where the bear is being relocated via direct electronic (including phone or radio) or written (including email) communication, or personal contact within two (2) days of each grizzly bear relocation or notification of relocation. The Department shall issue a press release to the media and sheriff in the county where each grizzly bear is relocated after communication with the sheriff but no later than five (5) days after relocation. The press release will also be provided to media and county sheriff of adjacent counties in Idaho if the grizzly release site is within 5 miles of the county boundary.

The notice and press release shall contain the following information:

1. The date of the grizzly bear relocation;
2. The number of grizzly bears relocated;
3. The sex and age of the grizzly bears, if known;
4. Reason for the relocation; and
5. The location of the grizzly bear relocation as described by the proper name of the drainage where the grizzly bear is relocated and the estimated number of miles and general compass direction from the relocation site to the nearest municipality, topographical feature or geographic location.