Deadwater Slough
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audubon.org/important-bird-areas/deadwater-slough
eBird ebird.org/hotspot/L2886163
LAT/LONG: 45.3874915,-114.0514648

DIRECTIONS: From North Fork, at mp 326.4 on US 93, W on FR 030 for 0.6 mi; L (S) into Newland Ranch Picnic Area; continue W on FR 030 to mp 3.6 to access Deadwater Picnic Area; this is an ideal location to launch a canoe or inflatable raft from the developed boat ramp and paddle upstream to access the site’s backwater sloughs and islands.

Deadwater Slough is one of east-central Idaho’s best birding locations due to quality riparian habitat, good water quality, and adjacent diverse upland habitats. The first contemporary record of nesting Bald Eagle in east-central Idaho was at Deadwater Slough in 1990; Eagles nest there today. Deadwater Slough is also an important breeding habitat for several Idaho species of special concern, including Lewis’s Woodpecker, Willow Flycatcher, and Yellow and MacGillivray’s Warbler. Additional highlights: nesting Wood Duck, Gray Catbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Black-headed Grosbeak, and Lazuli Bunting.