

Idaho Department of Fish & Game Southwest Region

Volunteer Project Schedule

*Summer/Fall 2017
(September-December)*

Contact Michael or Karie to sign up for projects: 327-7095

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Jackrabbit spotted hiding in low sagebrush

Volunteers are the BEST!

Project: [IDAHO SALMON AND STEELHEAD DAYS](#)
What: Annual educational event celebrating Idaho's Salmon and Steelhead resources and their connection to the ecosystem. Volunteers can participate by assisting at various stations, including Gytaku (Japanese Fish Painting), Salmon Maze (Salmon Life History), Ecology Station, Living River (River Dynamics Display), & Kids in the Creek (Aquatic Ecology).
Where: MK Nature Center.
When: September 6, 7, & 8 from 8:45AM to 1 PM. Margaret will have a training for the volunteer guides every morning at 8:45 on September 6, 7, and 8.
Logistics: Contact Margaret Anderson at 208-287-2901
People: MANY!!

Project: [CHINOOK SALMON SPAWNING](#)
What: Help sort & trap fish. Help with spawning, DNA extraction, data collection & fish scanning.
Where: Rapid River Fish Hatchery
When: Tuesday, Sept. 5th, Thursday, Sept. 7th, Monday, Sept.11th, and Thursday, Sept.14th
Logistics: Volunteers need to provide their own transportation and make their own camping arrangements if an overnight stay is desired.
People: A few people each spawning day, especially when fish are in their prime week in late August

Project: [MOUNTAIN LAKE STOCKING](#)
What: A great opportunity to see beautiful scenery while stocking fingerling trout by hiking into high mountain lakes in Central Idaho.
Where: You will need to provide your own transportation and a cooler to load fish from the McCall Hatchery and a backpack to hike the fish into the designated lake.
When: Mid-August to Early September
Logistics: Please contact Michael or Karie for more information at 327-7099
People: 5-10

Project: [NATIVE RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION](#)
What: Plant native shrubs to rehabilitate streambanks
Where: Little Salmon River, N.F. Payette River, and Boise River Fish Habitat Project
When: Dates to be determined in September and/or October. Please contact Michael or Karie for more information.
Logistics: Tools, transportation provided: plan on 10 to 12 hour days.
People: Two to four each day.



Project: [BOISE RIVER SWEEP](#)
What: Clean river access sites from Eagle to Parma. Be part of Idaho Department of Fish & Game's portion of a valley-wide event to give back to our river.
Where: Two starting points; Meet in Garden City or Caldwell.
When: Saturday, September 16th
Logistics: Bags provided; some transportation available.
People: 15 needed in Boise and 50 to 60 in Caldwell.

Project: [NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY](#)
What: Remove invasive vegetation and plant native seedlings to restore habitat.
Where: Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area
When: Saturday, October 21st
Logistics: Tools & some transportation provided.
People: 25+

Project: [INTERMOUNTAIN BIRD OBSERVATORY](#)
What: Help biologists with owl, hawk, and songbird monitoring, trapping and data collection. IBO, a cooperative, non-profit research and education organization, conducts long-term monitoring of western migratory landbird populations and promotes public education, involvement and wildlife viewing.
Where: Research site located on Boise River Wildlife Management Area at Lucky Peak.
When: August-October. Seven days a week.
Logistics: Four wheel drive vehicle necessary to negotiate the road to Lucky Peak.
People: One to three, seven days/week. Call or email for more information. Go to <https://ibo.boisestate.edu/banding-dates/>



Photo taken from IBO website

Project: [MK NATURE CENTER](#)
What: The MK Nature Center offers a glimpse of Idaho's landscapes and abundant wildlife – right in the middle of Boise. Volunteer positions include teacher – interpreter, host, gardener, and more. Special events include Idaho Salmon and Steelhead Days taking place September 6-8, 2017.
Where: MK Nature Center
When: Year around.
Logistics: Training provided. Contact Vicky Runnoe at vicky.runnoe@idfg.idaho.gov or 208-287-2874.

Project: **HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS**
What: Teach hunter education to youth and adults.
Where: Southwest Idaho.
When: Year around.
Logistics: Call Jaime Creson at 327-7159 for Boise area or Derek Fong at 465-8465 for Nampa/Caldwell areas

Project: **NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING**
What: Plant bitterbrush and sagebrush grown from seed collected by our very own volunteers last fall.
Where: MM14 and Table Rock Fires in Ada County and Coal Mine Basin and Blackstock in Owyhee County
When: Saturdays (Oct.7, 14, 28) and usually some weekdays
Logistics: Tools and some transportation provided.
People: 20 to 50 each day.

Project: **"THE BIGGEST PLANTING DAY EVER," TABLE ROCK FIRE PLANTING**
What: Plant bitterbrush and sagebrush grown from seed collected by our very own volunteers last fall on the Table Rock Fire behind the Old Idaho Penitentiary.
Where: Behind the Idaho Botanical Garden on Table Rock (proper)
When: Saturday, November 11th, 10 AM to 1 PM.
Logistics: Tools provided. Join us for planting then an after party at Idaho Botanical Garden
People: 200+.

Project: **SAGEBRUSH SEED COLLECTION**
What: Collect sagebrush seed for habitat restoration of burned areas. Wildlife species including birds, deer, lizards, pronghorn antelope, elk, rabbits, kangaroo mice and other small and large animals depend upon sagebrush habitat for food, cover and nesting habitat. Sagebrush is a woody shrub whose deep roots protect soils from erosion. Volunteers help with restoration of sagebrush by collecting seed. Millions of acres of sagebrush communities have vanished from the West due to noxious weed invasion, fire, overgrazing, urban sprawl and other land disturbances.
Where: Sites in the Southwest Region.
When: Saturday, November 18th, December 2nd and 9th and possibly some weekdays
Logistics: Transportation, tools provided.
People: 25 to 100 each day.



Low sagebrush seed collected by hand