

# Idaho Department of Fish & Game Southwest Region

## Volunteer Project Schedule

*Fall 2019  
(September-December)*

**We have a myriad of ways for you to participate in wildlife conservation efforts. Join us to maintain, rehabilitate, restore and create wildlife habitat in southwestern Idaho. Take a look at the following opportunities and contact us if you are interested!**

Contact Michael or Karie to sign up for projects: 208-854-8993

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*Volunteers make it all possible!*

- Project:** **NATIVE PLANT MONITORING for HABITAT RESTORATION**  
**What:** Collect data on plant survival and condition and observe restoration efforts in progress.  
**Where:** Southwest Region fire restoration sites near Boise and Marsing.  
**When:** September 4, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26. Weekdays, generally 9am-2pm.  
**Logistics:** Transportation provided from the Garden City or Nampa office.  
**# People:** Approximately 3-5 volunteers for each monitoring day.



*Checking seedling height as part of habitat project monitoring*

- Project:** **IDAHO SALMON AND STEELHEAD DAYS**  
**What:** This 3 day celebration is designed to increase awareness and appreciation for salmon and steelhead resources among the Treasure Valley's fifth grade students. We do this by directing our focus to hands-on outdoor learning programs that teach students the biology, history, and economic & cultural significance of fish and fishing. 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 4, 5, & 6 from 8:45AM to 1 PM. Training for the volunteer guides occurs every morning at 8:45.  
**Logistics:** Contact Margaret Anderson at 208-287-2901  
**# People:** MANY!!

**Project:** **SOUTH FORK SALMON RIVER TRAIL EROSION PROJECT MAINTENANCE**  
**What:** Maintain trails at the popular fishing recreation area including seedling planting TLC, wood structure maintenance and litter clean-up.  
**Where:** Meet at our Garden City or Nampa office.  
**When:** Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Logistics:** Transportation provided. Plan for travel to the site  
**# People:** 10

**Project:** **HIXON SHARPTAIL PRESERVE FENCE REMOVAL**  
**What:** Help us finish removing a burned out fence from the Keithley Fire. The new fence will be realigned on the correct property boundary which is a win for wildlife.  
**Where:** Meet at our Garden City or Nampa office.  
**When:** Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Logistics:** Transportation provided. Plan for travel to the site. Bring old long pants and long sleeves to protect yourself from barbed wire/skin encounters and of course, come prepared with food and water.  
**# People:** 10 to 15.

**Project:** **BOISE RIVERSWEEP**  
**What:** Clean up litter left by thoughtless users of public access areas.  
**Where:** Fish and Game and public right-of-way access sites from Eagle to the confluence of the Snake River near Parma.  
**When:** Saturday, September 28  
**Logistics:** Trash bags and gloves provided.  
**# People:** 30 to 40.

**Project:** **CASCADE STRAND PROJECT: RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION**  
**What:** Plant native shrubs to rehabilitate streambanks along the N.F. Payette River  
**Where:** Cascade, 1.5 hours north of Boise.  
**When:** September 24, 2019.  
**Logistics:** Tools and transportation provided: plan on a 10 hour day.  
**# People:** 10 to 20 each day.



**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:** 1 to 3, seven days/week. Call or email for more information. Go to <https://ibo.boisestate.edu/banding-dates/>

**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.  
**Where:** MK Nature Center  
**When:** Year around.  
**Logistics:** Training provided. Contact Vicky Runnoe at [vicky.runnoe@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto: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 to aid in restoration efforts following fires.  
**Where:** Boise Foothills Fires, Boise, ID and the Keithley Fire near Weiser, ID  
**When:** Saturdays and a couple weekdays, Oct. 22 & 26 and Nov. 2, 9, 14, 16  
**Logistics:** Tools, gloves and some transportation provided.  
**# People:** 20 to 50 each day.



*Seedlings planted in the fall have time to put down roots before the dry summer arrives.*

**Project:** SAGEBRUSH SEED COLLECTION

**What:** Collect sagebrush seed for habitat restoration of burned areas. Birds, reptiles, and mammals depend upon sagebrush habitat for food, cover and nesting habitat. Sagebrush is a woody shrub whose deep roots protect soils from erosion. Millions of acres of sagebrush communities have vanished from the West. Volunteers help with restoration of sagebrush by collecting seed.

**Where:** Sites in Southwestern Idaho.

**When:** Saturdays, November 16 & 23 December 7 & 14 and possibly some weekdays

**Logistics:** Transportation and tools provided.

**# People:** 25 to 100 each day.



*Site planted with native shrubs to restore wildlife habitat after the Keithley Fire*