

# IDAHO CATTLE ASSOCIATION



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### Idaho Cattle Association Sets Priority Issues

The Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) Board of Directors met in Boise today to establish the organization's priority issues for 2015. Top priorities continue to be the Owyhee 68 litigation, improving range monitoring, the protection of sage grouse in an effort to keep the bird from being listed under the Endangered Species Act, and maintaining competitive and reasonable state lands grazing fees. The ICA Board of Directors also determined that, given the tremendous impact the recently announced beef processing facility will have on Idaho's economy and the beef industry, full support of that facility will be a top priority.

The ICA Board of Directors also set 18 secondary priority issues that focus on animal health and well-being, the opposition of monument designations, animal damage control and wolf depredation, and enhancement of the Beef Checkoff program. "Our industry faces many issues every day, and setting these priorities helps our staff and leadership focus their efforts to better direct their path," said ICA President Carl Lufkin of Leadore.

The priority issues process begins with ICA members, who have the opportunity to submit, review, discuss, and set policy resolutions annually. Resolutions are reviewed by ICA committee chairmen and ranked in a three-tiered system by the ICA Executive Committee before being submitted to the ICA Board of Directors for further review and approval.

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*The Idaho Cattle Association works on behalf of the more than 10,000 cattle producers in the state of Idaho and has a membership of nearly 1,000 members. It is the only organization in the state that deals exclusively with the needs, interests and welfare of Idaho's cattle industry.*

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