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REFERENCE GUIDE

Roles in Rangelands



INTRODUCTION

This guide offers an overview of the key organizations and agencies involved in the management of Idaho's rangelands. Covering federal, state, and local entities, as well as non-governmental organizations, this resource provides insight into their roles in conservation, land use, and stewardship. By understanding the contributions of these various stakeholders, this guide aims to support informed engagement and collaboration in preserving Idaho's rangeland resources.

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS



The *Idaho Beef Council (IBC)* serves as a marketing organization for Idaho's beef industry. The IBC's mission is to promote beef demand in the United States and internationally on behalf of beef and dairy producers and associated beef industry businesses in Idaho. The IBC is funded by the beef checkoff program, which is a \$1.50 per head assessment on the sale of cattle in Idaho. The funds generated from this are used to increase consumer beef demand through promotion, research, and education initiatives that build consumers' trust in beef and in beef production. The IBC's programs are guided by an eight-member board of directors representing Idaho's cow/calf, cattlemen, feed yard, auction, and dairy sectors.

The IBC implements a wide range of programs that communicate beef's value proposition and benefits in a nutritious diet; that address and correct misperceptions about beef to maintain a positive product image; and that build understanding of the Idaho beef industry's commitment to producing the highest quality beef possible in a sustainable manner. It also serves as a marketing resource for producers and others in the beef industry and collaborates with other organizations on issues that impact beef's marketability and profitability.

The IBC promotes beef demand in the following ways:

- *Consumer:* Promotes beef and builds long-term demand through consumer education and promotion to share information and positive messages directly with consumers, media, food editors, nutrition/medical professionals regarding the nutrition, value, quality, safety, purchase, preparation and use of beef. Conducts advertising, consumer communications, consumer events, media relations, nutrition education and communications, education for youth, adults and influencers, and issues management using a wide variety of online and offline platforms.
- *Retail:* Stimulates consumer beef purchases at the retail level through retail promotions, retailer/distributor training and dissemination of point-of-sale materials.
- *Foodservice:* Develops new menu opportunities for beef and drives consumer demand through restaurant promotions and education/training for foodservice personnel.
- *Research:* Maintains university partnerships and sponsors research on beef safety, quality, marketing and nutrition that provides science-based information to improve beef marketability. Conducts regular consumer surveys to monitor public perception of beef and the Idaho beef industry.

- *Industry:* Promotes industry education to improve the marketing climate for beef, such as increasing participation in the Beef Quality Assurance and Masters of Beef Advocacy programs. Conducts industry outreach through publications and meetings to inform producers about their checkoff investment results. Monitors media regarding issues that affect beef sales and collaborates with other organizations to address issues.
- *International:* Expands international demand for US beef through the Pacific Northwest Initiative, a collaboration that funds promotions in Japan for Pacific Northwest beef. Promotes Idaho's beef culture by introducing Idaho Finger Steaks to international markets via a range of activities.

The Idaho Beef Council does *not* directly work on rangeland issues. Its role is limited to:

- Educating the public and media about grazing and rangelands in the context of helping the public to understand the beef lifecycle and communicating Idaho ranchers' commitment to the environment and sustainability. For instance, the IBC may develop marketing materials aimed at consumers such as social media and digital marketing campaigns, as well as in-school education programs or resources that incorporate information about grazing and rangelands to enhance understanding of beef sustainability. The Idaho Beef Council may collaborate with other organizations or industry stakeholders in these efforts and will leverage information and resources already developed.
- Monitoring consumers' perception of the beef industry's commitment to sustainability through regular consumer surveys.
- Referring members of the public or media to other organizations with a greater role in public rangelands.

The Idaho Beef Council must comply with the 1967 Idaho legislation that created the IBC and with the Federal Beef Promotion and Research Order issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Under these:

- The Idaho Beef Council is prohibited by law from influencing government policy or action, including lobbying of individuals or government agencies.
- Because the IBC's mandate is to promote beef and beef products – i.e., postharvest products – it cannot carry out education, promotion or research that has the primary goal of affecting live animal management except as it may relate to the marketability of beef. Any preharvest research or activities must have the primary goal of creating a more marketable postharvest product.

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The *Idaho Cattle Association (ICA)* is the official voice for all segments of the beef industry in Idaho. ICA is a member-driven, voluntary dues-based organization whose mission is to preserve, promote, and protect the cattle industry of Idaho. The *Idaho Public Lands Council (IPLC)* is a fund maintained by ICA which allows the association to focus on issues related to public lands grazing. Together, ICA and IPLC work on rangeland issues in the following ways:

- Influence laws, policies, and regulations at the local, state, and national level to preserve, promote, and protect grazing use within the state of Idaho.
- Establish and maintain working relationships with key individuals and government officials who oversee or can affect grazing policy.
- Participate in agency document and policy review at the programmatic level. Provide comments as directed by policy, provide outreach to potentially impacted members, and provide sample comments to those individuals.
- Educate members on potential impacts of government actions and policies.
- On-specific issues or concerns (i.e. individual permit renewals) facilitate communication and cooperation with appropriate agencies and individual members to assist permittees in effectively moving through the process.
- Engage in precedent-setting litigation.
- Participate in collaboratives that have a state-wide impact.
- Assist members actively participating in local meetings by providing relevant policy information.
- Educate the media or public on current policy issues and actions.
- Facilitate scientific research to influence ICA policy.

The ICA does *not*:

- Educate the public on non-policy issues
- Rangeland monitoring
- Provide site-specific management review/direction
- Law enforcement—including but not limited to open range law
- Influence individuals or operations in their business decisions

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The *Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts (ICOLT)* is a statewide network of conservation organizations, mainly land trusts, that work together to promote and support voluntary land conservation throughout Idaho. ICOLT’s mission is to advance the work of land trusts and landowners to conserve agricultural lands, open space, fish and wildlife habitat, and working rangelands through education, collaboration, and policy engagement. Incorporated in 2014, ICOLT plays a key convening role among Idaho’s voluntary land conservation organizations, helping members strengthen technical expertise, share resources, coordinate advocacy efforts, and engage in state and federal conservation funding opportunities. Many ICOLT members hold conservation easements on working rangelands in Idaho and collaborate with agricultural producers to ensure the long-term stewardship and viability of these lands. ICOLT supports voluntary land conservation through:

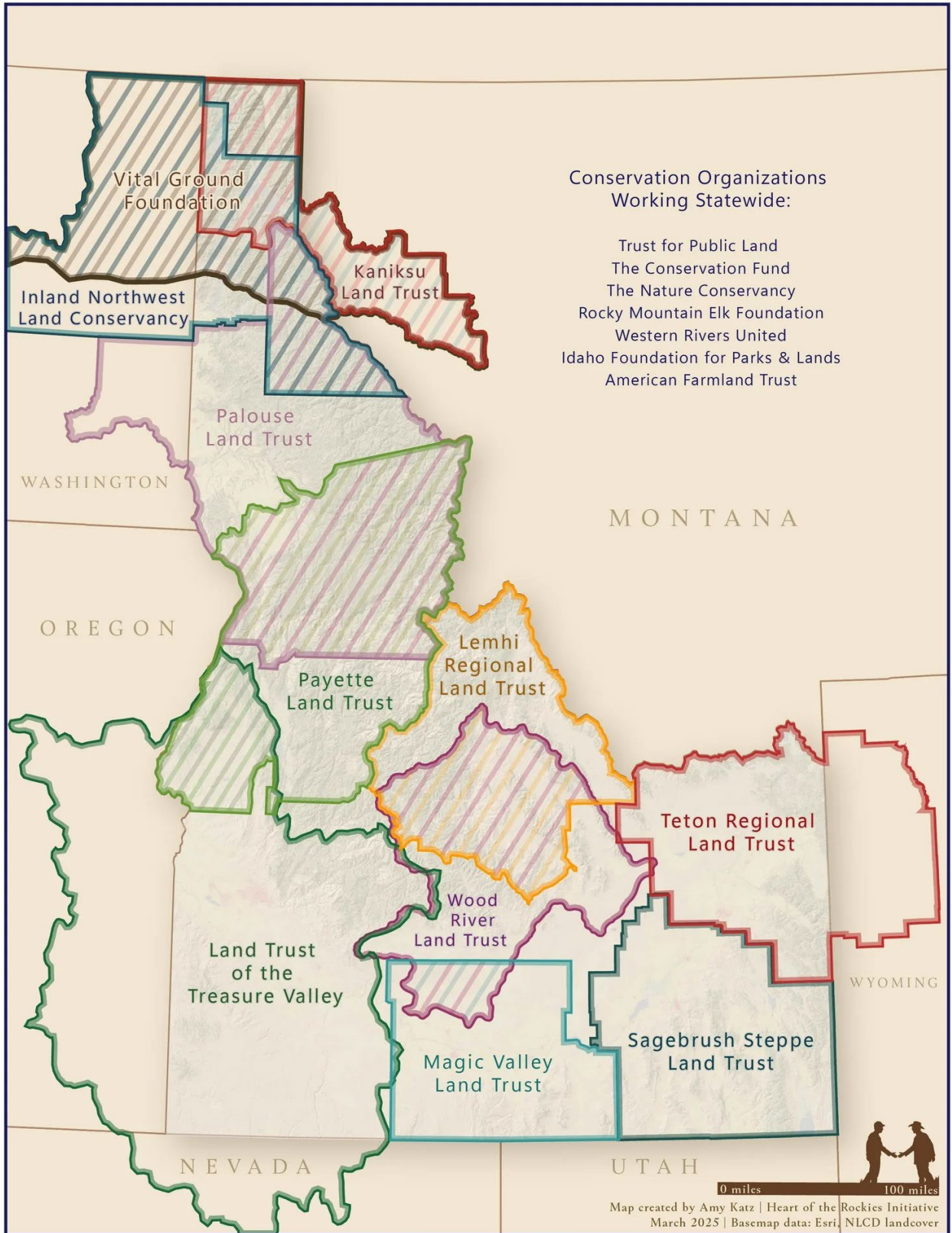
- Policy and Program Advocacy: Provides education and comment on legislation and policy affecting voluntary land conservation and easement programs.
- Land Trust Capacity Building: Offers peer learning, workshops, and technical assistance to strengthen land trust capacity in stewardship, easement development, and fundraising.
- Funding Facilitation: Assists members in accessing federal and state funding for conservation easements and restoration projects that support rangeland health, wildlife habitat, and working lands.
- Coalition-Building: Fosters partnerships with agricultural groups, conservation districts, state agencies, and community organizations to support landscape-scale conservation across ownership boundaries.

ICOLT does *not*:

- Hold or monitor conservation easements (this is the role of individual member land trusts or conservation organization)
- Provide legal advice or enforcement of easement terms
- Lobby as a 501(c)(3); ICOLT engages in limited advocacy allowed under IRS guidelines
- Participate in land use regulation or zoning enforcement

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IDAHO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

The *Idaho Farm Bureau* is a voluntary grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening agriculture and protecting the rights, values, and property of our member families and neighbors. Idaho Farm Bureau believes grazing to be an effective tool in maintaining sustainable rangelands, forests, improving watersheds, wildlife habitat, reducing wildfire potential, and supporting ranchers and rural community economies.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation is composed of volunteer farmers and ranchers. Many of these volunteer members are involved with grazing on public lands and work diligently to manage issues that inherently arise with these pursuits. Each Idaho Farm Bureau member has the right and privilege of contributing and creating sound policy regarding grazing. They, along with the Idaho Farm Bureau Federal and State Public Lands Committee, can create one or multiple resolution(s) to take to one of 37 active County Farm Bureau Boards to start the policy making process. This process allows the Farm Bureau to create general and area-specific grazing policies benefiting Farm Bureau members and neighboring families alike. Idaho Farm Bureau capitalizes on opportunities to educate the public and advocate for producers throughout the state through various methods, including:

- Using the MAC (Moving Agriculture to the Classroom) program to teach about agriculture
- Utilizing our team of Governmental Affairs/Policy Staff and Regional Managers to identify concerns and educate participants regarding the processes, rights, and needs of grazing
- Striving to advocate for grazing and when reasonable and possible standing as a representative of local producers when working with agencies and local governments to find a resolution to a local/regional conflict
- Facilitating and mediating between conflicted groups when a broad concern needs a resolution
- Organizing and facilitating range tours to educate and mediate between viewpoints of all stakeholders
- Engaging with Forest Service, BLM, Idaho Department of Lands, and any other agency necessary on rangeland issues
- Provide comments on Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments to ensure State and federal agencies allow grazing to the fullest extent of the law.

Idaho Farm Bureau has a state-wide committee made of volunteer members dedicated solely to focusing on public lands. This committee has the charge of:

- Considering all issues respecting the federal/state lands within the state of Idaho which includes grazing, mining, water rights, timber harvest, access, and wildlife
- Providing recommendations to the Idaho Farm Bureau State Board of Directors
- Make recommendations for policy development issues to County Farm Bureaus
- Communicate with other like groups and coordinate with them when possible
- Monitor current and proposed regulations and legislation
- Keep up to date on issues pertaining to federal and state lands
- Testifying at hearings if necessary

The Idaho Farm Bureau does *not*:

- Farm Bureau will not work outside existing policy without approval from the Idaho Farm Bureau state board of directors and/or from the American Farm Bureau board of directors
- Farm Bureau will not work or advocate for bad actors or bad behavior
- Farm Bureau does not provide guidance or assistance in range management decisions to individuals
- Farm Bureau will not create or disseminate content that does not support the Farm Bureau mission statement or policy
- Farm Bureau will not educate on unsubstantiated, non-verifiable, or non-science-based information

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The *Idaho Public Lands Council (IPLC)* is a fund maintained by ICA which allows the association to focus on issues related to public lands grazing. IPLC is an arm of ICA, along with IWGA, which allows the associations to focus on issues related to public lands grazing. Money for the fund is collected through voluntary per AUM contributions from the federal and state lands permittees throughout the state. Once a year, IPLC sends an assessment, accompanied by a newsletter. The funds collected are used specifically for the purpose of actively dealing with public lands issues and promoting and defending public lands grazing. A portion of those funds are kept in state to enable ICA to focus efforts and staff resources on those grazing and natural resource issues that directly affect Idaho ranchers. Most of the funds IPLC raises are sent to the Public Lands Council (PLC). The mission of this national organization is to “maintain a stable business environment for ranchers with public lands grazing permits, who are the caretakers of the range, the economic drivers of rural western communities, and providers of food and fiber for the nation.”

Together, it is the focus of IPLC and PLC to affect public policy which will protect public lands grazing rights and promote the continued use of grazing as a wise and effective tool for managing public lands.

As an arm of ICA, the role of IPLC is consistent with ICA’s role as described on the previous page.

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IDAHO RANGELAND CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

The Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership was established in 2018 with the following mission statement...

Mission: to bring together ranchers, conservationists, agencies, recreationists, scientists, and other rangeland stakeholders to conserve and enhance the social, ecologic and economic values that rangelands provide through shared learning and action.

IRCP was established to assist in continuing work with Idaho's rangelands. Idaho's rangelands are critically important to our economy, local communities, for the open space and recreational opportunities they provide and as habitat for more than 350 species. Rangelands west-wide are under siege from multiple threats including fire, invasive plants, and development. Many locally lead multi-stakeholder collaboratives are stepping up to find solutions to these threats, but they often struggle to access the expertise, knowledge, and capacity they need to have broad success. IRCP will act as a statewide network to support locally lead collaboratives through shared learning, partnership building, collective advocacy for rangelands and by advancing the science and tools for broader use of Outcome Based Land Management principles.

IRCP fills a void in addressing rangeland issues in its unique setup and work. There are several organizations and entities along with state and federal agencies who are working on Idaho's rangelands through science, land management practices, policy and lobbying. However, none of them are focused on bringing together the full diversity of rangeland users to support locally led collaboratives in developing and implementing on-the-ground solutions, typically through an All-Lands, All-Hands approach. IRCP coordinates with and collaborates with many of the other organizations working on rangeland issues.

IRCP functions by following core principles including collaborative, inclusive, transparent, promotion of respectful engagement, and a commitment to science-based solutions that provide social, ecological and economic benefits. IRCP is a membership organization that seeks participation from anyone interested in or engaged in rangeland issues in Idaho. IRCP has an organization Charter that provides a clear framework for how IRCP functions and operates. An 11-person Steering Committee provides oversight for the coordinator and general operations of IRCP.

What IRCP does:

- Provide a platform for member organizations to exchange information.
- Commit to science-based and locally led solutions relating to the economic, social, and ecological sustainability of Idaho rangelands.
- Assist in facilitating conversation between stakeholders of Idaho's rangelands to build understanding and relationships.
- Support and help implement collaborative work and locally led solutions for Idaho rangelands.
- Assist in identifying barriers or bottlenecks keeping rangeland stakeholders from addressing key rangeland issues.
- Assist, where and when able, in work towards resolution and progress on rangeland issues.
- Present information and educate on rangeland issues through website, workshops, range tours, membership and networking.

What IRCP does *not* do:

- Advocate or lobby for policies
- Formally comment on or protest specific land management decisions
- Influence individuals or operations in their business decisions

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IDAHO RANGELAND

Resources  *Commission*

The Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC) was created by Title 58, Chapter 14 of the Idaho Code. It is the first Rangeland Commission in the United States. Our mission is to foster a shared understanding of the value of Idaho's rangeland and ranching communities. IRRC's vision is to build strong public support for working rangelands as a renewable natural resource providing economic, ecological, and social health in Idaho. Our focus is directed towards the non-ranching public. Education and outreach guide our efforts. Idaho's public and private rangelands make up approximately 65% of Idaho's land mass. The importance of our rangelands cannot be overstated. They are the connective tissue that holds our open spaces together and allows them to function well. They are rich in tradition and culture. Idaho's rangelands are an important economic driver for our ranching communities and our state. The risk to our rangelands is not something new. Education and understanding are key to maintaining our rangelands. Learn more about IRRC programs and events at <https://idrange.org>. The IRRC is a quasi-government agency directed by a volunteer board of five voting members, nominated by the ICA (2), IWGA, IRRC and the University of Idaho Rangeland Center Partners Advisory Council, then appointed by the Governor. They each serve up to two five-year terms. There are ten non-voting advisory members representing government land management agencies, University of Idaho, and other rangeland groups as designated in Idaho code. The IRRC board meets quarterly in open meetings in various locations across Idaho. The IRRC was created to develop long-term, proactive educational programs targeting the non-ranching public about the role of livestock grazing in managing both public and private rangeland. These rangeland related programs include a comprehensive youth educational curriculum, outdoor outreach and education programs, field activities, and contests. Some examples of the IRRC programs include:

- The IRRC developed the IROAM (Idaho Rangeland Outdoor Activities Mobile) youth educational trailer (and tents) which bring rangeland to the students to learn about the ecosystem and management issues. IROAM materials include a series of booklets, badges, and hands-on activities. Contact the IRRC if you would like to see IROAM in your child's school.
- The IRRC conducts annual teacher workshops for their continuing education credits. The IRRC website includes free lessons, activities, and downloadable materials designed for classroom teachers. Small teacher grants are available to encourage teachers (formal and informal) to teach their students about rangeland.
- The Care/Share campaign targets recreationists on public land. Providing proactive messages and informational signs in high recreation traffic areas where livestock are present helps to minimize conflicts and misunderstandings. Contact the IRRC to request signs or kiosks in your area.

- The IRRC sponsors the Life on the Range (www.lifeontherange.org) outreach campaign which highlights positive stories about rangeland issues. These stories include the benefits of ranching on wildlife, water, and the overall health of rangeland. These videos and written stories are resources for classroom teachers and the interested public. The award winning LOTR campaign is available on the IRRC website and on YouTube. If you know of a story that would fit LOTR, please contact IRRC.
- The IRRC sponsors proactive messages on NPR and other media when the budget allows.
- The IRRC supports relevant rangeland research including periodic public opinion polls to track the perceptions about rangeland and livestock issues. This data helps drive the priorities of all the IRRC programs.

Funding for the IRRC was set in 1997 by the legislature and has not increased. It includes a refundable assessment on federal, state and private rangeland. The rates are ten cents per animal unit month for state and federal grazing permits and two cents per acre on category five dry graze private land. Any change to this rate requires legislation (which IRRC is not allowed to do). The “On the Range” specialty license plate generates \$15 per plate per year to the benefit of the IRRC youth education programs. The more plates bought, the more IRRC can reach the students of Idaho. Please buy the Idaho Rangeland plate for your household today! Grants and assistance agreements with state and federal agencies augment and enhance the outreach and educational programs. Most of the IRRC programs are funded with a mix of contributors and sponsors. Please contact the IRRC to learn more or request any of these programs in your local area and schools.

The Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission does *not* have any legal jurisdiction on rangeland activities (including open range issues), lobby for any laws or regulations, or participate in legal battles.

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Established in 1893, the *Idaho Wool Growers Association (IWGA)* serves as the voice for all segments of the sheep industry in Idaho. IWGA's mission is to foster, promote, protect, and encourage the business of developing, raising, and marketing sheep in the state of Idaho. IWGA facilitates this mission through three pillars: promotion, education, and advocacy. IWGA is a member-driven, voluntary dues-based organization. Through promotion, education and advocacy programming, the IWGA can serve sheep producers of all sizes. The advocacy pillar oversees policy work at both the state and federal level. The IWGA works on rangeland issues in the following ways:

- Influence and educate lawmakers, policies, and regulations at all levels of government on grazing in the state of Idaho
- Endorse policies on economic value of public lands and grazing
- Engage in promotion and education of public lands use and grazing
- Assist members actively involved in public lands grazing by providing relevant policy information and navigate potential problems
- Encourage and facilitate research studies related to public lands grazing in Idaho
- Educate membership on current and potential policies impacts, best practices, and research studies to assist them in best use management practices
- Engage in litigation as needed to defend and protect public lands grazing and the rights of lessees on permits
- Establish and maintain relationships with various stakeholders and government agencies to maintain and open line of communication
- Participate in agency reviews including providing comments on rules, reviewing policy, and facilitating conversations with producers
- Participate and encourage collaboration efforts across all stakeholders for better
- Communication and use of public lands

The IWGA does *not* do:

- Rangeland monitoring
- Law enforcement – including but not limited to open range law
- Influence individuals and/or operations in their business decisions
- Work outside existing policy without approval from the board of directors

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INTERMOUNTAIN WEST
JOINT VENTURE

The *Intermountain West Joint Venture* is a partnership working to conserve bird habitats in the Intermountain West region through collaborative, voluntary conservation that works for people. Its focus is three-fold: wetlands and the waters that support them through its Water 4 program, sagebrush ecosystems through the Partnering to Conserve Sagebrush Rangelands program, and arid conifer forests through a new Western Forests program. These habitats collectively encompass the majority of the Intermountain West and sustain a multitude of bird species and other wildlife, as well as human communities.

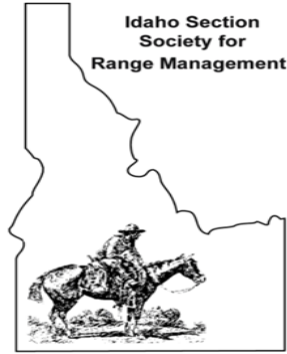
The IWJV occupies a unique niche in collaborative landscape conservation in the West. This public-private partnership is led by an executive-level management board comprised of ranchers, industry representatives, nongovernmental conservation organizations, state fish and wildlife agencies, and federal agencies.

The IWJV supports its partners with science, capacity, and communications to get funding and projects on the ground. The IWJV's Science to Implementation team works to deliver science to practitioners in accessible and implementable ways, while its Communications team works to share stories of people doing successful conservation work. Capacity initiatives, like the Sage Capacity Team and Water 4 capacity positions, enable the IWJV to direct partner investments to field-based positions that build relationships with producers and land managers to get work done.

The IWJV partnership is committed to working lands and the people who steward them. It also supports land management practices that sustain bird habitat in a voluntary, non-regulatory manner. In that spirit, the IWJV's work with the Idaho Cattle Association increases capacity for connecting Idaho producers to NRCS tools and programs. The ultimate goal is a system that makes it easier for ranchers to apply conservation practices that bolster both their operations and Idaho's wildlife.

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The *Society for Range Management (SRM)* is the professional scientific society and conservation organization whose members are concerned with studying, conserving, managing and sustaining the varied resources of the rangelands which comprise nearly half the land in the world.

Parent Society: rangelands.org

Idaho Section SRM: idahosrm.wordpress.com

- Provide leadership for the stewardship of rangelands based on sound ecological principles.
- Support activities that inform and educate its members.
- Develop, synthesize, disseminate, and apply sound scientific results that are relevant to the present and future needs to rangeland ecology and management.
- Promote standards in instruction in rangeland stewardship, provide an international system for professional certification and development, and hold its members to a published code of conduct.
- Advocate for science-based input to inform policy and decision-makers that will enhance the stewardship of rangelands.
- Advocate for policy development and implementation that is driven by sound scientific principles.
- Certify individuals who have the professional credentials required to plan and implement sound management of rangelands as a means of improving the standards of professional expertise used in managing public and private rangelands.

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University of Idaho Extension brings knowledge and research to you, where you live, when it's convenient for you. "Extension" means reaching out and extending the University of Idaho's land-grant mission to serve and meet the needs of the citizens of Idaho. Through Extension, land-grant colleges and universities bring vital, practical information to agricultural producers, small business owners, consumers, families, and young people.

Extension is a statewide network of professional educators and volunteers with local offices in almost every Idaho County. Visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension> to find an extension educator near you!

- Provide the link between emerging research and its application to the public; keep abreast of the latest research-based innovations.
- Collaborate with agencies, professional organizations, and other interested groups to find solutions to real-world problems; assess programmatic needs and current educational gaps.
- Provide programmatic content, curricula, and support to stakeholders; build comprehensive and interdisciplinary programs that are unbiased, science-based, and audience-appropriate that improve the lives and livelihood of Idahoans.
- Promptly and accurately respond to routine or technical information requests.
- Prioritize and focus on educational efforts with the greatest economic, environmental, and social impact on Idaho residents.
- Use research programs to create new knowledge and bring that expertise to program areas.
- Publish research findings.
- Secure short-term and long-term funding to develop, operate, and maintain programs.
- Document impact to demonstrate accountability to Idaho taxpayers.

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The *University of Idaho Rangeland Center's* goal is to create knowledge and foster understanding for the stewardship and management of Idaho's rangelands.

The Rangeland Center is an interdisciplinary unit at the University of Idaho that promotes collaboration among researchers, educators, students, and land managers to address complex rangeland challenges — now and into the future. Our collaborations with other individuals, universities, agencies, and organizations in Idaho enhance our ability to serve those who manage and enjoy rangelands in Idaho and the western region of the United States.

Rangeland Center Activities include:

- Partner with stakeholders to identify research, outreach, and education needs.
- Coordinate and conduct applied research into social, economic, and ecological questions to produce objective, unbiased science to benefit rangeland management.
- Develop summaries and syntheses of science to share with decision makers and stakeholders.
- Bring the knowledge of more than 30 university faculty together with stakeholder interests to jointly provide leadership for the discovery of new knowledge and create science-based solutions for rangelands.
- Work within UI Extension, UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, UI College of Natural Resources, and with faculty from other Idaho universities to develop and deliver outreach and education programs.
- Partner with other UI Centers (e.g., the Policy Analysis Group, McClure Center for Public Policy Research) and partners to deliver cross-cutting information to Idaho's rangeland stakeholders.

The Rangeland Center does *not* lobby, endorse commercial products, or promote particular groups or issues. The Rangeland Center is a non-regulatory research and coordination organization housed at the University of Idaho.

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The *Western Landowners Alliance (WLA)* is a West-wide, landowner-led nonprofit dedicated to sustaining working lands, connected landscapes, and native species across the American West. Founded and led by landowners, WLA ensures the voices of private land stewards are represented in policymaking, builds peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and shares the value of private stewardship with the public. WLA’s 15,000+ members collectively steward millions of acres, providing a powerful and unique constituency advocating for whole and healthy western landscapes. WLA is widely recognized as a “radical center organization,” bridging traditional agriculture, wildlife advocacy, and conservation communities to advance practical, non-partisan, land-based solutions. WLA works in the following ways:

- **Policy & Economics:** Advance economic and policy solutions that sustain working lands, while connecting producers directly to state and federal programs that support the economic viability of ranching.
- **Stewardship Funding:** Apply for and help landowners access grants and funding to implement on-the-ground practices—such as grazing improvement and carnivore conflict reduction—that strengthen both land stewardship and ranch businesses.
- **Peer Learning:** Bring landowners and practitioners together through collaboratives, workshops, and knowledge exchange to inspire and share best practices.
- **Storytelling & Public Engagement:** Tell compelling stories of stewardship through *On Land* magazine, the *On Land and Working Wild* U podcasts, and other media platforms, building public awareness of the importance of private lands.
- **Coalitions & Collaboration:** Lead and convene diverse coalitions—including landowners, agricultural groups, wildlife organizations, and policymakers—to find shared, practical solutions for sustaining the West’s landscapes.

WLA does *not*:

- Provide site-specific management oversight.
- Comment on industry policy outside of land stewardship/management concerns, private property rights, wildlife, etc.
- Act as a regulatory or enforcement body.
- Prescribe practices, but they do research and support producers interested in practices that they think would benefit their operation.

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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS



The *Bureau of Land Management (BLM)* manages approximately 12 million acres of public lands in Idaho, playing a central role in rangeland management across the state. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. This includes overseeing grazing permits, restoring rangeland health, and managing land use planning in coordination with other agencies and stakeholders.

The BLM's programs include:

- *Grazing Management:* Administers grazing permits and manages allotments to ensure sustainable use of rangelands. Implements range improvements, such as water developments and vegetation management, to support healthy ecosystems and productive grazing lands.
- *Restoration Projects:* Engages in habitat restoration and invasive species control to enhance rangeland health and resilience. These efforts aim to improve soil stability, water quality, and native plant communities.
- *Land Use Planning:* Develops and updates Resource Management Plans (RMPs) that guide land use decisions and balance multiple uses, including grazing, recreation, and conservation.
- *Collaboration and Outreach:* Works with local communities, ranchers, and conservation groups to address rangeland management issues and promote sustainable practices. Provides educational resources and engages in public consultation processes.

The BLM does not focus on marketing or direct beef industry promotion but does work to ensure that rangeland management practices support both environmental and livestock management goals.

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Coeur d'Alene District (Coeur d'Alene, Cottonwood)

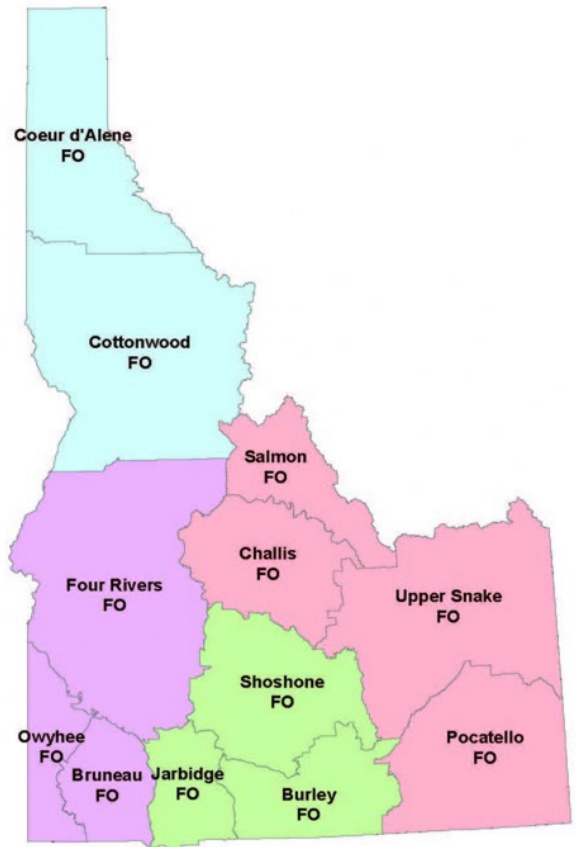
- 3232 W. Nursery Road
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Twin Falls District (Shoshone, Jarbidge, Burley)

- 2878 Addison Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Idaho Falls District (Salmon, Challis, Upper Snake, Pocatello)

- 1405 Hollipark Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401





The *Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)* manages Idaho's endowment trust land assets to maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries. IDL also strives to provide professional assistance to the citizens of Idaho to use, protect and sustain their natural resources.

The IDL manages about 1.4 million acres of rangeland in Idaho, covering more than 1,100 grazing leases and 256,000 AUMs. IDL prudently manages the rangeland resource to maximize revenue while sustaining the land for future endowment beneficiaries.

Much of endowment rangelands are intermingled with federal and private lands and as such, IDL grazing staff strives to work collaboratively with stakeholders. IDL provides limited, annual funding for range improvement projects on endowment land, as well as funding for sage-steppe habitat and riparian restoration.

In partnership with other state and federal agencies, IDL administers the Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA) program – groups of ranchers professionally trained and legally allowed to utilize interagency fire suppression resources in the rapid, initial attack of rangeland fires.

The IDL does *not*:

- Manage for the benefit of a single group/industry – IDL's undivided loyalty is to endowment beneficiaries.
- Manage solely for public use – endowment lands are not public lands in the traditional sense. They are owned by the endowment beneficiaries and managed by IDL on their behalf; however, the public can recreate on these lands if it does not interfere with management, degrade it, or affect long-term returns.

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RANGE PROGRAM

The *ISDA Range Program* provides support, coordination and expertise to Idaho rangeland livestock producers, land and wildlife management agencies for planning and management of vegetation and other rangeland resources utilizing the best available science and management practices.

- *Policy NEPA review* - The ISDA Range Program provides support to the livestock industry by reviewing, commenting on, and providing interpretation on all relevant state and federal rangeland-related documents. Document examples include Rangeland Health Assessments; Environmental Assessments (EAs); Environmental Impact Statements (EISs); grazing decisions for permit renewals; trailing/crossing permit decisions; fire rehabilitation closure decisions; Resource Management Plans; as well as any proposal that impacts vegetation management or resources of value to the livestock industry. Reviews ensure that the best available scientific information and management practices are proposed and remain consistent with federal and state regulations.
- *Photo Monitoring* - The ISDA program allows for participation, coordination, and cooperation between ISDA, Land Management agencies, and permittees in the collection and review of photo data. We provide a framework for photo point monitoring data to be collected by permittees that can be used in grazing permit renewals. Our program produces a standardized and scientifically valid photo monitoring protocol for permittees interested in participating, which in turn gives them a seat at the planning table.
- *Outreach/ Technical Assistance/ Expertise* - Provide training and assistance to producers on public and private lands, as well as to land management agencies, for the planning and initial implementation of a monitoring program. We have also created a NEPA Guide for Ranchers that serves as a technical guide to assist permittees in the navigation of the NEPA process, specifically on grazing permit renewals and applications.
- *Idaho Grazing Improvement Program* - The Idaho Range Improvement Act or RIA ([House Bill 468](#)) gives the ISDA the authority to seek out willing partners and develop projects that benefit Idaho's rangelands and producers. This addition to the ISDA Range Program gives range staff the ability to assist in developing range improvement projects on federal, state, and private rangelands. RIA will allow ISDA range staff to

assist in project development, implementation, and monitoring of range improvement projects that benefit livestock operations, watersheds and wildlife. RIA provides opportunity for ISDA to be more involved in maintaining and enhancing Idaho's rangelands which benefits Idaho's ecosystem and economy.

What the ISDA does *not* do:

- The ISDA Range Program is focused on representing statewide range interests. Individual cases or issues affecting a specific group or grazing allotment should be directed to a professional range lobbyist or consultant.
- Wildlife concerns or requests for assistance with wildlife issues should be referred to Idaho Department Fish and Wildlife.
- Concerns involving state endowed lands should be directed to Idaho Department of Lands.

Contact

- Address: 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho 83707
- Phone: (208) 332-8500
- **Website:** ISDA Range Program (arcgis.com)
<https://agri.idaho.gov/plant-industries/range-program/>



Natural Resources Conservation Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

As part of the U.S Department of Agriculture, the *Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)* offers technical and financial assistance to producers and private landowners interested in conserving natural resources on their land.

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

Programs managed by NRCS can generally be divided into two categories: technical assistance and financial assistance. NRCS provides funding opportunities for agricultural producers and other landowners through these programs. Participation in our conservation programs is voluntary. NRCS accepts requests for technical assistance and applications for financial assistance throughout the year. Review the following information or visit your local NRCS service center to help determine which programs are right for you.

Contact your local NRCS field office to learn more about how NRCS may benefit you and your grazing lands.

Idaho NRCS - <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/id/home/>

Contact

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The *Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation (OSC)* mission is dedicated to planning, coordinating and implementing the State's actions to conserve and recover species listed as threatened, endangered or candidate under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). This work is done in coordination with the States' natural resource agencies and with the input of the citizens of Idaho, while taking into consideration the economic vitality of the State. OSC works on rangeland issues in the following ways:

- Establish constituent forums where the public and elected officials can communicate with OSC staff regarding ESA concerns and receive updates on species conservation that exist in rangeland habitats.
- Coordinate with Idaho Department of Lands to provide financial assistance to Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPA) to increase the effectiveness of initial attack on wildfires within the sage-steppe ecosystems.
- Assist Local Working Groups, Technical Recovery Groups, private landowners and other organizations with funding opportunities for implementation of projects and assistance coordination in alignment with Idaho's Sage-Grouse Management Plan and salmon, steelhead and bull trout Upper Salmon Basin and Clearwater agreements.
- Coordinate with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Services and other state authorized investigators regarding grizzly bear and wolf conflicts with livestock and other agricultural uses. The OSC distributes compensation and prevention program funds when available to producers in Idaho that have validated grizzly bear and/or wolf conflicts.
- Use scientific research to influence laws, policies and regulations at the local, state and national level to preserve, promote and protect ESA species and their habitat while ensuring Idaho's economic vitality.
- Educate the public on the potential impacts of government actions and policies and their effects on rangeland management, including NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).
- Participate in collaboratives that pertain to ESA species and have either a regional focus or a state-wide impact.
- Maintain a visible presence in the field with constituents, ensuring OSC staff have a deep understanding of the issues on-the-ground and can assist with solutions.
- Assist stakeholders actively participating in local meetings by providing relevant policy information.

The OSC does *not* do:

- Rangeland monitoring
- Law enforcement—including but not limited to open range law
- Influence individuals or operations in their business decisions

Contact

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- Phone: (208) 334-2189



The *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)* is a government agency dedicated to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats. The Service is the only agency in the Federal government whose primary responsibility is the conservation and management of these important natural resources for the American public. The Service carries out their mission by implementing some of our Nation's most important environmental laws, and the many programs of the Service further support the ability to carry-out the agency mission.

In addition to the important state and Federal lands throughout the country, the health of our nation's fish and wildlife populations depends on private landowners, who manage more than two-thirds of the country's land. In Idaho, approximately 31 percent of the land is under private ownership, with most non-urban private lands being in agricultural, rangeland or forest production. These private lands are especially valuable to wildlife because the land is typically located in highly productive valley bottoms with access to water; the same factors that make this land attractive to farmers and ranchers.

The Service recognizes the importance of private lands in carrying-out their mission and has developed the *Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program (PFW)* for this purpose. In Idaho, this program provides technical and financial assistance to participating landowners interested in restoring and enhancing fish, wildlife, and/or plant habitat on their land. The PFW Program has exemplified cooperative conservation as an innovative, voluntary partnership program that helps private landowners restore and enhance important fish and wildlife habitat. Conservation projects in Idaho are developed in coordination with private landowners and prioritized to improve wildlife habitat and the vitality of working landscapes and rural communities.

In Idaho, we accomplish our conservation goals through strong partnerships with state and Federal agencies and stakeholders. Any privately-owned land is potentially eligible for restoration, including working ranches, tribal lands, and recreation lands within prioritized landscapes. Cooperative Agreements are developed between the Service and a cooperator to administer PFW funds over a five-year period. Projects developed under the PFW Program are voluntary, meaning private landowners elect to participate in the development and implementation of a conservation project. Partner's biologists complete project planning and design and documentation to ensure projects adhere to all applicable environmental laws.

Idaho currently has six full time partnership staff biologists, and one state coordinator located within or near priority landscapes. Staff work with private landowners and partnering agencies/groups to deliver on-the-ground conservation and proactive solutions for working landscapes and wildlife that inhabit them.

Projects occur in all habitat types, including rangelands. On rangelands, the Service is interested in working together with private landowners to reduce threats such as invasive species, wildfire, and fragmentation. PFW projects on rangelands commonly result in improvements to management and restoration of working landscapes to benefit species such as ungulates, sagebrush obligate species, and rare plants.

Contact the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office (ifwo@fws.gov), and a local biologist will listen to your goals and explain the PFW program's priorities. After a site visit, we will work with you to develop a project plan. An agreement will clearly describe the agreed-upon work to be done, financial contributions, and the project timeline.

Contact

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- Website: <https://www.fws.gov/office/idaho-fish-and-wildlife>



The *U.S. Forest Service (USFS)* manages the National Forests and Grasslands in Idaho, encompassing a significant portion of the state’s rangelands. The USFS is dedicated to managing public lands for multiple uses while conserving their ecological integrity. This includes overseeing forest health, wildlife habitat, and sustainable grazing practices.

The USFS’s programs include:

- *Grazing Management:* Administers grazing permits on National Forest lands, aiming to balance livestock needs with forest health. Implements grazing plans and range improvements to ensure the sustainability of rangelands.
- *Forest and Rangeland Health:* Engages in activities to prevent and manage forest fires, control invasive species, and restore degraded lands. Focuses on maintaining the ecological balance and resilience of forested and rangeland ecosystems.
- *Land Use and Planning:* Develops Forest Plans that outline the management objectives for National Forests, including rangeland management, recreation, and conservation. These plans guide decision-making and land use activities.
- *Public Engagement and Education:* Provides information and educational programs to the public on sustainable land use practices and the benefits of National Forest lands. Partners with local communities and organizations to promote stewardship and collaborative management.

The USFS does not engage in beef promotion but plays a role in managing rangelands to ensure they are healthy and productive for various uses, including grazing.

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- (406) 329-3511
- 26 Fort Missoula Road Missoula, MT 59804

Idaho Forests: Kootenai, Idaho Panhandle, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Bitterroot

Region 4 Office

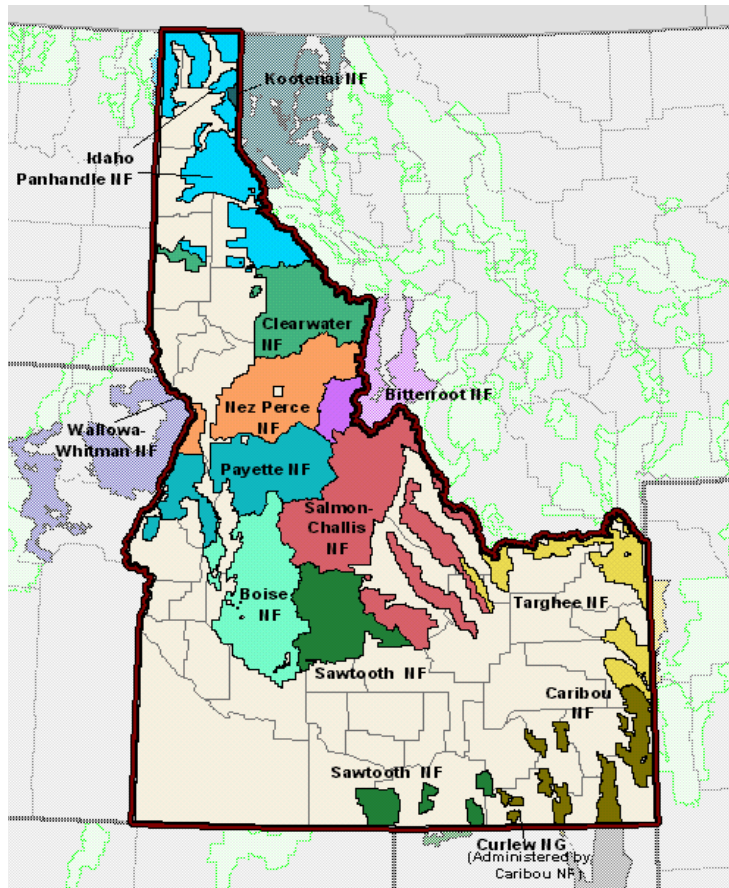
- (801) 625-5605
- 324 25th Street Ogden, UT 84401

Idaho Forests: Payette, Salmon-Challis, Boise, Sawtooth, Targhee, Caribou, Curlew National Grasslands

Region 6 Office

- 333 SW First Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204-3440

Idaho Forests: Wallowa-Whitman (Hells Canyon National Scenic Area)





IDAHO STATE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

State legislators play a role in overseeing and shaping policies that impact Idaho's rangelands. They work to balance the needs Idaho's citizens, including land management practices. They may affect policies that address challenges such as drought, invasive species, and land use conflicts. By collaborating with ranchers, conservationists, and other stakeholders, Idaho's legislators can ensure that our rangelands are cared for at a statewide level to remain healthy, productive, and resilient for future generations.

Contact

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