

# Reference Guide: Roles in Rangelands



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## **Idaho Beef Council**

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### **Who We Are**

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, Cattlewomen, feed yard, auction and dairy sectors.

### **What We Do**

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:

1. **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.
2. **Retail:** Stimulates consumer beef purchases at the retail level through retail promotions, retailer/distributor training and dissemination of point-of-sale materials.
3. **Foodservice:** Develops new menu opportunities for beef and drives consumer demand through restaurant promotions and education/training for foodservice personnel.
4. **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.
5. **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.

6. 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.

### **Rangeland Work**

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

1. Educating the general 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 consumer 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.
2. Monitoring consumers' perception of the beef industry's commitment to sustainability through regular consumer surveys.
3. Referring members of the public or media to other organizations with a greater role in public rangelands.

### **What We Do NOT Do**

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.



**Idaho Cattle Association**  
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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:

1. Influence laws, policies, and regulations at the local, state, and national level to preserve, promote and protect grazing use within the state of Idaho.
2. Establish and maintain working relationships with key individuals and government officials who oversee or can affect grazing policy.
3. 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.
4. Educate members on potential impacts of government actions and policies.
5. On specific issues or concerns (I.E. individual permit renewals) facilitate communication and cooperation with appropriate agencies and individual members in order to assist permittees in effectively moving through the process.
6. Engage in precedent-setting litigation.
7. Participate in collaboratives that have a state-wide impact.
8. Assist members that are actively participating in local meetings by providing relevant policy information.
9. Educate the media or public on current policy issues and actions.
10. Facilitate scientific research to influence ICA policy.

**What we DO NOT do:**

- Educate the general 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.

## **Idaho Public Lands Council**

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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 which allows the association 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, we send 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. The majority of the funds we raise are sent to the national 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.



**Idaho Department of Lands**  
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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.

**What we DO NOT do:**

- 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 is allowed to recreate on these lands if it does not interfere with management, degrade the land, or affect long-term returns.



## **Idaho Farm Bureau Federation**

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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, reduction of wildfire potential, and supporting ranchers and rural community economies.

### **Grassroot Policy**

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 Farm Bureau to create general and area specific grazing policies benefiting Farm Bureau members and neighboring families alike.

### **Advocacy and Education**

Idaho Farm Bureau capitalizes on opportunities to educate the public and advocate for producers throughout the state through various methods, including:

1. Using the MAC (Moving Agriculture to the Classroom) program to teach about agriculture
2. 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
3. Creating and disseminating printed, video, and internet content
4. 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
5. Facilitating and mediating between conflicted groups when a broad concern needs a resolution
6. Organizing and facilitating range tours to educate and mediate between viewpoints of all stakeholders
7. Engaging with Forest Service, BLM, Idaho Department of Lands, and any other agency necessary on rangeland issues.



8. Provide comment on Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments to ensure State and federal agencies allow grazing to the fullest extent of the law.

## **Federal and State Public Lands Committee**

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:

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

### **What we DO NOT do:**

- 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

**IDAHO RANGELAND  
CONSERVATION  
PARTNERSHIP**

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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 we do:**

- *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 relationship.*
- *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 we Don't do:**

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

# I D A H O RANGELAND



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As the population in Idaho explodes, telling the story of multiple use and management of rangeland is more important than ever. 99% of the voting public is losing touch with land management and agriculture. In the early 1990's, the Idaho Cattle Association, the Idaho Wool Growers Association and the Idaho Rangeland Committee saw an increasing need for the public's knowledge and support of rangeland management and livestock grazing. This is when environmental groups were promoting "Cattle Free by '93". These organizations jointly proposed enabling legislation (Title 58, Chapter 14 of Idaho Code) to create the first "Rangeland Resources Commission" in the U.S.

The IRRC is a quasi-government agency directed by a volunteer board of five voting members, nominated by the ICA, IWGA, and the University of Idaho Rangeland Center Partners Advisory Council, and appointed by the Governor. They each serve up to two five-year terms. There are ten non-voting advisory members representing government agencies, University of Idaho, and other rangeland groups as designated in Idaho code. The IRRC board meets quarterly in open meetings.

The IRRC was created to develop long-term, proactive education and outreach 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 about rangeland.

- The Care/Share campaign targets recreationists on rangeland. Providing proactive messages and informational signs in high recreation traffic areas where livestock are present helps to minimize conflicts and misunderstandings. These messages include closing gates, staying on existing roads, and respecting water developments. Contact the IRRC to request signs or kiosks in your area.
- The IRRC sponsors the Life on the Range outreach campaign which showcases 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 programs includes refundable assessments on federal, state and private rangeland. The rates were set by the legislature in 1997 at ten cents per animal unit month for state and federal grazing permits and two cents per acre on category five dry graze private land. The “On the Range” license plate also supplements the IRRC educational programs.

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.



### **Idaho State Department of Agriculture – Range Program**

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<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/range-management-program-staff/>

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 best management practices.

### **What We Do**

- **Policy NEPA review** - ISDA's 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.

### **What We Do Not Do**

- ISDA's 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.



## **Idaho Wool Growers Association**

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### **Who We Are**

Since 1893, the Idaho Wool Growers Association (IWGA) has been an organization of Idaho sheep producers with a mission to promote the production and consumption of lamb and wool and to assist all persons engaged in the sheep industry through: providing consumers with quality lamb and wool products, marketing our products to the best advantage, obtaining lower rates on feed and supplies, protecting the industry against the enactment of laws, policy and regulations which negatively impact business, and protecting livestock from predation, poisoning, theft and disease.

The IWGA is dedicated to defending the Idaho sheep industry. As such, we engage all levels of government to ensure legislative policies and programs do not infringe on the rights of Idaho's sheep producing families. We address these issues directly on a variety of fronts including:

- Predators
- Public Lands
- Processing
- Price & Profits
- People (labor)
- Public Policy

We are also caretakers of two Idaho State Commissions: the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board and the Idaho Animal Damage Control Board.

### **Rangeland Work**



In regard to Rangeland specific issues, we have numerous guidelines and policies that we bolster and defend. Just a few of these include:

- Influence/Educate Lawmakers and the Public on Grazing Rights/Issues
- Endorse Policies on the Economic Value of Public Lands
- Engage in Promotion or Defense of Public Lands Permits/Permittees and/or Permit Violations
- Assist Our Members with Potential Problems Involving Public Lands Permits
- Promote State and Federal Grazing Programs
- Advocate for Public Land/Open Range Uses and Stewardship Practices
- Defend Private Lands Trespass Laws
- Help Push Public Policies about Noxious weeds, Poisonous Plants and Pests
- Support Scientific Research and Resource Monitoring
- Educate our Members About Rangelands Through Tours, Classes, Seminars
- Provide Comments on Time-Sensitive Issues Regarding Rangelands
- Mitigate/Engage in Litigation When Necessary
- Stimulate Media Communications When Necessary

Finally, we also cooperate with numerous outside agencies and work in conjunction with every organization within this guide to preserve and protect our Rangelands. We further use our voice to disseminate Rangeland information that may impact our members and stakeholders through the use of newsletters, email blasts, social media, education seminars and face-to-face communications.

### **What We Do Not Do**

Unfortunately, no entity can do it all. As such there are a few items that we either barely touch, refuse to touch or land completely outside our wheelhouse. Those include:

- ❖ *Engaging in Direct Scientific Research*
- ❖ *Report on the Economic Vitality of Any of Our Members*
- ❖ *First Responder Work*
- ❖ *Influence business practice decisions on members or operations*



**United States Department of Agriculture**

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## Natural Resources Conservation Service

### **Natural Resources Conservation Services**

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

NRCS provides conservation planning and technical assistance to address resource concerns identified on grazing lands to improve rangeland/pasture health and productivity. Conservation practices commonly recommended to address concerns include:

- Prescribed Grazing
- Fencing
- Water Development
- Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- Brush Management
- Range Planting
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

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/>

## **Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation**

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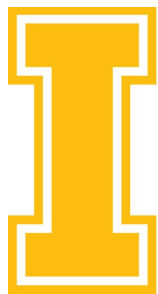
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The Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation (OSC) mission is dedicated to planning, coordinating and implementing the State's actions to conserve and recover species listed as threatened, endangered or candidate under the federal Endangered 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 bulltrout Upper Salmon Basin and Clearwater agreements.
4. Coordinate with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Wildlife Services on wolf/livestock conflicts and distribute compensation and prevention program funds when available to producers in Idaho that have verified wolf depredation.
5. 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.
6. Educate the potential impacts of government actions and policies and their effects on rangeland management, including NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).
7. Participate in collaboratives that pertain to ESA species and have either a regional focus or a state-wide impact.
8. Maintain a visible presence in the field with constituents, ensuring OSC staff has a deep understanding of the issues on-the-ground and can assist with solutions.
9. Assist stakeholders that are actively participating in local meetings by providing relevant policy information.

**What we DO NOT do:**

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



# University of Idaho Extension

University of Idaho Extension brings the 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!

1. Provide the link between emerging research and its application to the public; keep abreast of the latest research-based innovations.
2. Collaborate with agencies, professional organizations, and other interested groups to find solutions to real-world problems; assess programmatic needs and current educational gaps.
3. 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.
4. Promptly and accurately respond to routine or technical information requests.
5. Prioritize and focus on educational efforts with the greatest economic, environmental, and social impact on Idaho residents.
6. Use research programs to create new knowledge and bring that expertise to program areas.
7. Publish research findings.
8. Secure short-term and long-term funding to develop, operate, and maintain programs.
9. Document impact to demonstrate accountability to Idaho taxpayers.

## Society for Range Management



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](http://rangelands.org)

Idaho Section SRM: [idahosrm.wordpress.com](http://idahosrm.wordpress.com)

1. Provide leadership for the stewardship of rangelands based on sound ecological principles.
2. Support activities that inform and educate its members.
3. Develop, synthesize, disseminate, and apply sound scientific results that are relevant to the present and future needs to rangeland ecology and management.
4. 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.
5. Advocate for science-based input to inform policy and decision-makers that will enhance the stewardship of rangelands.
6. Advocate for policy development and implementation that is driven by sound scientific principles.
7. 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.



## University of Idaho Rangeland Center

The Rangeland Center is an innovative unit that promotes collaboration among researchers, educators, students, and land managers to address complex rangeland challenges — now and into the future. We promote interaction among scientists, land managers, tribal agencies, conservationists and ranchers and their respective associations, to create knowledge and foster stewardship of rangelands in Idaho and the West.

### Rangeland Center Activities

- Conducts applied research into questions facing Idaho's rangelands.
- Partners with stakeholders to identify research questions, outreach, and education.
- Investigates social, economic, and ecological questions the produces objective, unbiased science.
- Develops summaries and syntheses of science to share with decision makers and stakeholders.
- Develops tools and products that assist managers and producers as they make decisions.
- Brings the knowledge of more than 30 faculty together with stakeholder interests to jointly provide leadership for the discovery of new knowledge and create science-based solutions for rangelands.
- Works within UI Extension, UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and UI College of Natural Resources to develop and deliver programs.
- Partners with other U of I Centers (ie, the Policy Analysis Group) McClure Center for Public Policy Research to deliver cross-cutting information.

### The Rangeland Center Limitations

- Does not lobby

- Does not promote one particular group or issue
- Does not endorse commercial products
- Is non-regulatory

### Contact Us

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## **U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

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### **Who We Are**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) 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 Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

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.

## **How it Works**

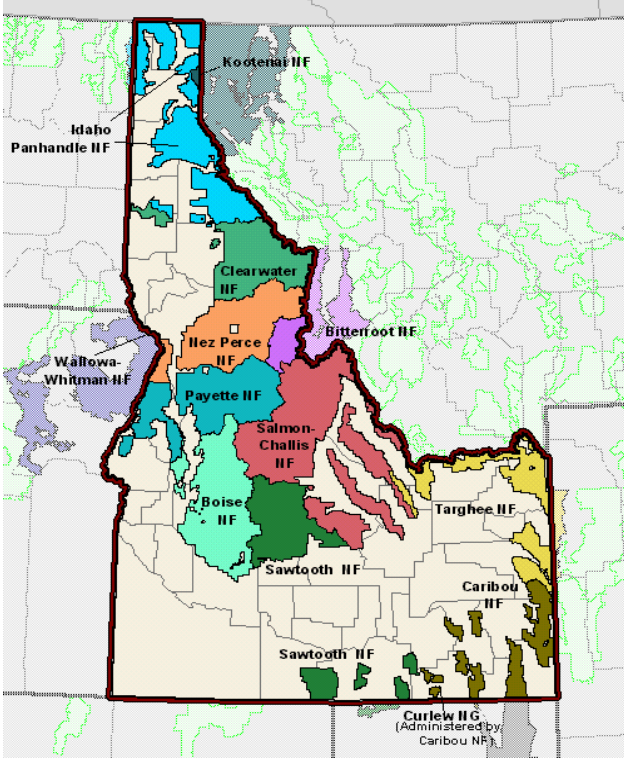
In Idaho, we accomplish our conservation goals through strong partnerships with state and Federal agencies and stakeholders. Any privately-owned land is potentially eligible for restoration, including working ranches, tribal lands, and recreation lands within prioritized landscapes. Cooperative Agreements 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 as well as 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.

## **Rangeland Conservation**

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.

## **How Do I Get Started?**

Contact the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office ([ifwo@fws.gov](mailto: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.



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