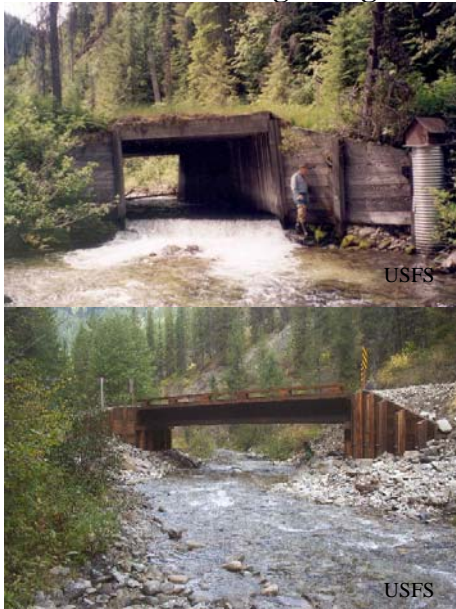




National Fish Passage Program



Purpose: The National Fish Passage Program is a voluntary program to restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by man-made barriers.

Eligibility: The program partners with agencies, tribes, private organizations and landowners.

Area: Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects: Removal of undersized or elevated culverts, dams, water diversion structures, and other impediments to fish passage, and replacement with adequately sized, fish passable, structures.

Financial Information: Projects typically range in cost from \$2,000 to \$110,000 each. The Program strives to achieve a 50% match, including in-kind contributions.

Application: Project proposals are accepted anytime; those submitted after September 15 will not be considered for Western Native Trout Initiative Funds.

Contact:
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Web:
<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fwma/fishpassage/>

IDAHO GRANTS PROGRAMS

Western Native Trout Initiative/National Fish Habitat Action Plan (WNTI/NFHAP)



Stream restoration

Purpose: The WNTI is a fish habitat partnership within the NFHAP. It is a non-regulatory, science-based, cooperative conservation to fund conservation actions for western native trout.

Eligibility: The program partners with agencies, tribes, private organizations and landowners.

Area: Statewide

Typical Projects: Projects must protect, restore, or enhance fish habitats or otherwise directly support habitat-related priorities of Fish Habitat Partnerships outlined in the NFHAP. Projects include restoring instream habitat, fish passage, off channel habitat, and installing fish screens

Financial Information: Funding requests typically range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Competitive projects demonstrate robust partnerships and funding match, big benefits for the cost and a good probability of success.

Application: Project proposals are accepted anytime, but to be considered for the current fiscal funding year must be received by September 15. See contact for further information.

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Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA)



Fish screen and passage

Purpose: The FRIMA program provides financial assistance to local partners to correct impediments to fish passage related to irrigation and water diversion projects and facilities.

Eligibility: Any state agency, local group or private landowner. Projects must include a local government or Tribal sponsor or co-applicant

Area: All waters in the Pacific Ocean drainage.

Typical Projects: Projects must be directly associated with passage improvements to water diversions such as fish screens, fish ladders or related modifications.

Financial Information: Project sponsors must identify at least 35% non-federal matching funds for the design and construction of the eligible project. Matching funds may include in-kind contributions such as easements, materials, equipment or labor. The project operator or sponsor must assume responsibility for operation and maintenance costs of the project.

Application: Project proposals are solicited annually or biannually. See contacts for further information.

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Partners for Fish and Wildlife



Purpose: Partners for Fish and Wildlife is a voluntary habitat restoration program that focuses on restoring habitat for migratory birds, native fish, and declining plant and animal species. Focus areas in northern Idaho are the Palouse Prairie and the Pend Oreille. Focus areas in southern Idaho include Bear River/Bear Lake, Weiser/Lower Snake River, Wood Rivers/Silver Creek/Camas Prairie, Teton/Henrys Fork, Salmon/Lost Rivers, Clearwater River, Duck Valley, and reservation and aboriginal non-Tribal lands in central and eastern Idaho.

Eligibility: Any private, Tribal, or municipal landowners. Projects may not be implemented on federal or state lands. Partnerships with other agencies or organizations are encouraged to increase the leverage of funds. Cooperators sign an agreement to retain restoration projects for at least 10 years and otherwise retain full control of their land.

Area: Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects: On-the-ground projects only. Restoration or enhancement of upland, riparian, wetland or instream habitats; invasive plant species control, and removing barriers to fish passage.

Financial Information: Proposals are accepted anytime. The program strives for an equal match of cost share or in-kind services.

Application: See contacts

Contact:
Northern Idaho
Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office
Juliet Barenti, 509/893-8005

Southern Idaho
Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office
Dennis Mackey, 208/378-5267

Web:
<http://www.fws.gov/idahoes/Partners.htm>

Tribal Wildlife Grant Program



Purpose: Provides funds for activities that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species of tribal or cultural or traditional importance and species not hunted or fished.

Eligibility: Any federally recognized Tribe. Tribal organizations or other entities may participate as subgrantees or contractors to federally recognized tribes. Projects may be proposed on lands other than those lands that are held in Tribal trust status only if an enforceable contract with the authentic landowner is submitted with the proposal. The contract must authorize permission to the grantee to conduct the proposed activities.

Area: Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects: Develop and implement programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species of tribal cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished. Activities include planning for wildlife and habitat conservation, ongoing and/or new fish and wildlife conservation and management actions, fish and wildlife laboratory and field research, natural history studies, habitat mapping, field surveys and population monitoring, habitat preservation, conservation easements, and public education that is relevant to the project.

Financial Information: The Service will award grants up to a maximum of \$200,000 for a single project, or a tribe submitting multiple projects. Matching funds and partnerships are not required, but projects that include matching funds, in-kind contributions, and partnerships may score higher in the ranking process.

Contact:
USFWS, Pat Gonzales-Rogers
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Web: <http://pacific.fws.gov/ea/tribal>

Recovery Implementation Grants



Purpose: To directly fund high priority on-the-ground recovery actions for listed species as identified in approved, draft and final recovery plans to help towards recovery, and ultimately delisting; and candidate species to undertake conservation actions that will help preclude the need to list those species in the future.

Eligibility: Any agencies, tribes, local governments, private organizations, and landowners.

Area: Statewide

Typical Projects: Projects involved with the removal of fish passage barriers, monitoring, radio telemetry, exotic species removal, habitat enhancement, captive breeding, and surveys.

Financial Information: Proposals compete regionally and generally range up to \$25,000. Cost share and partners are not required, but will increase a proposal's competitiveness if included.

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Carmen Thomas or Steve Duke
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Web:
<http://www.fws.gov/easternwashington/Recovery%20Implementation%20Grants.htm>

State Wildlife Grants



Purpose: Provides funding to state wildlife agencies to help meet the conservation needs of animal species considered to be "at risk." It places primary emphasis on the conservation of traditionally under-funded species.

Eligibility: Private landowners, individuals, educational entities, non-governmental organizations, local, state or Tribal agencies can submit projects that provide conservation benefits to eligible species and priority habitats, and address conservation issues and implement recommended conservation actions outlined in the Idaho Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

Area: Statewide

Typical Projects: Benefit eligible species, species assemblages, or their habitat; determine status or develop conservation recommendations for native species via surveys, inventories, and monitoring activities; identify factors that may limit a native species or its habitat; identify important and unique habitats and animals; document factors that contribute to habitat deterioration or interactions contributing to negative species survival.

Financial Information: Planning grants fund the development or modification of a specific conservation plan, and have a 75% federal to 25% state ratio of matching funds. Implementation grants fund activities that are intended to carry out a specific management plan, and have a 50% federal to 50% state ratio of matching funds. Grants can be awarded for projects up to three years in length. Requests up to \$30,000 will be accepted and awards generally will not exceed \$10,000 per year.

Application: November and May. All applications must be sent to Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Contact:
IDFG, Jon Beals
208/334-2920

Web:
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/grants/>

Landowner Incentive Program (Non-Tribal)



Purpose: Provides funding to landowners to implement conservation on their land, by improving existing habitat that hosts at-risk species, thereby assisting in species recovery and/or pre-empting the listing of declining species.

Eligibility: Private landowners or organizations working with private landowners. Lands must have at-risk plants or animals on or near the project area, and must be within a LIP focus area. The proposed project will enhance or restore at-risk plants or animals. Landowners or project applicants must be willing to sign an agreement to maintain LIP-funded projects for an agreed-upon length of time.

Area: For 2008, the focal areas are the Palouse Prairie, Bear Lake Basin and the Upper Henrys Fork.

Typical Projects: Example projects include restoring native vegetation, prescribed burns, grazing management, brush and invasive weed management, removing fish passage barriers, stream restoration, and conservation easements.

Financial Information: A 35-percent nonfederal contribution is required, which may include cash or in-kind contribution, such as labor, machinery or materials, from the landowner, land trust or other nonfederal organizations involved in the project. Priority will be given to projects that provide more than the required minimum 35-percent nonfederal contribution. Up to \$718,000 is available for projects in 2008.

Application: Deadline February 1, 2008. All applications must be sent to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Contact:
IDFG, Karla Drewson
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Web:
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/wildlife/lip/default.cfm>

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grants



Purpose: The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund provides funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands. Four Grant Programs are available.

Eligibility: States with whom the USFWS has a current cooperative agreement and, through those states, private landowners, communities and local governments.

Area: Statewide

Typical Projects: The assistance provided can include animal, plant, and habitat surveys; research; planning; monitoring; habitat protection, restoration, management, and acquisition; and public education.

Financial Information: States and Territories must contribute a minimum non-Federal match of 25%, or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project.

Application: Interested individuals or groups are encouraged to work with the Idaho Fish and Game to develop mutually beneficial projects as a subgrantee for submittal by Idaho Fish and Game. All applications are submitted to Idaho Fish and Game.

Web:
<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/section6/index.html>

The Four Grant Programs are:

“Traditional” Conservation Grants

Purpose: The Conservation Grants program provides financial assistance to States to implement conservation projects for listed species and species at-risk.

Typical Projects: Funded activities include habitat restoration, species status surveys, public education and outreach, captive propagation and reintroduction, nesting surveys, genetic studies, and development of management plans.

Financial Information: Minimum 25% non-federal cost-share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost-share increases competitiveness.

Application: Deadline August 24, 2007. All applications must be sent to Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

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Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to acquire land associated with approved Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) that secures protection of threatened or endangered species habitats and to complement the conservation benefits of the associated HCPs.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups developing HCPs or parties interested in securing land for listed, proposed or candidate species may apply for funds. Interested parties must work through Idaho Fish and Game to apply.

Typical Projects: Purchase land from willing sellers that will expand the conservation benefits of approved HCPs and/or support threatened or endangered species.

Financial Information: Minimum 25% non-federal cost-share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost-share increases competitiveness.

Application: Deadline August 24, 2007. All applications must be sent to Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

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Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office
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Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to develop Habitat Conservation Plans that provide conservation of imperiled species and regulatory certainty for land management activities.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups developing HCPs or parties interested in securing land for listed, proposed or candidate species may apply for funds. Interested parties must work through Idaho Fish and Game to apply.

Typical Projects: Development of Habitat Conservation Plans.

Financial Information: Proposals compete nationally. Cost shares range from 25% for single states to 10% if two or more states implement a joint project. Technical assistance is available.

Application: Deadline August 24, 2007. All applications must be sent to Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

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Recovery Land Acquisition

Purpose: Permanent conservation of land that contributes to the recovery of listed species by supporting approved recovery plans.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups interested in securing land for listed, proposed, or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Typical Projects: Acquisition of land from willing sellers that will support threatened or endangered species or that will support the recovery of threatened or endangered species.

Financial Information: Proposals compete regionally. Minimum 25% non-federal cost share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

Application: Deadline August 24, 2007. All applications must be sent to Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

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