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**Interim Performance Report**



**Statewide Hunter Education,  
Shooting Ranges**

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**State:** Idaho

**Grant Award Number:** F16AF00802 Amendment 3

**Grant name:** ID – Statewide Hunter education, Shooting Ranges

**Report Period:** July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

**Report due date:** September 28, 2019

**Location of work:** Statewide

## 1. Approach:

### Maintenance

Maintenance of public and Department range facilities includes day to day operations, repair and upkeep activities that include janitorial services and supplies, heating/cooling systems, educational tools (television, projector), chairs and tables, purchasing supplies, snow removal, weed control, purchasing targets, ammunition, firearms and the repair of aging facilities and equipment.

### Renovation Projects

- **Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club Shooting Range, Lapwai ID:** Complete the interior of the building built in 1999 with men's/women's ADA compliant restrooms, classroom space, utility room (janitor closet) and kitchen utilized for volunteer instructors. This includes interior walls, interior electrical and plumbing and finish work. This building includes a classroom space that it utilized by Hunter, Bowhunter and Trapper Education students and instructors for Certification.
- **Melba Gun Club Shooting Range, Melba, ID:** Renovate clubhouse built in 1947 by installing new gutters, 2 windows, epoxy concrete floors and upgrade the interior with doors. This clubhouse includes a classroom space that it utilized by Hunter, Bowhunter and Trapper Education students and instructors for Certification. Instruction materials that will be purchased include classroom chairs, tables, television (screen) and projector.

### Construction Projects

- **Farragut Shooting Range, Coeur d' Alene, ID:** This project will be the construction of a building that includes a classroom/meeting space, ADA compliant bathroom, volunteer office, utility closet (janitor closet) and a small kitchen for instructors and students to warm up meals or make coffee/cocoa. The purpose of this building is to have the necessary bathrooms and classroom space to conduct Hunter/Bowhunter and Trapper Education classes. This space will be also be used for volunteer workshops, trainings and meetings. *Site plans and compliance documents to follow.*
- **Valley County Gun Club Shooting Range, Cascade, ID:** This project includes forming a ballistic wall on either side of the shooting area totaling 300 yards. The wall will be made of Hesco brand barrier bins that are wire mesh with poly plastic fabric interior. Volunteers will carry the portable bins and place them on top of the soil and fill with dirt/sand. The walls can be moved if needed and are not permanent. The barrier will absorb fired ammunition therefore providing safe areas outside of the shooting zone. This project additionally includes the purchase of first aid wound emergency kits in case of a shooting accident or other emergency and shooting targets.

- **Blacks Creek Range, Kuna, ID:** Installation of one 225 meters of dirt ballistic wall from the firing line to increase the safety between two shooting zones; the long range shooting area and the rifle shooting range. This will involve the re-distribution of dirt on the existing disturbed long distance range. *Site plans and compliance documents to follow.*

## 2. Expected Results

- Reduced hunting accidents by graduating students that practice safe hunting and safe firearm handling.
- Increase safe and environmentally sound shooting opportunities at public ranges and ranges owned by Idaho Fish and Game.
- Increase the use of Idaho public and Department Ranges for certifying students in Hunter, Bowhunter and Trapper Education courses.

## 3. Describe how objectives were met.

**Objective Statement:** Improve the utilization and safety of shooting ranges (Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club Inc., Melba Gun Club, Farragut Shooting and Blacks Creek Range and Valley County Gun Club) by 30 June 2019.

The Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club Inc., Lapwai, ID Project: This project included upgrading the bathrooms to be ADA compliant, build interior walls including finish work, install electrical and plumbing. The facility is now available for recreational shooters, hunter education students and to conduct public events and clinics.

Melba Gun Club, Melba, ID Project: This project upgraded a building in poor condition to make it suitable for Hunter Education student/instructor use and recreational shooters. This included installing new gutters, 2 windows, epoxy concrete floors and upgrade the interior with doors. Classroom chairs, tables, and one television (screen) was purchased. This building is now more suitable to hold hunter education and shooting skills classes.

Valley County Gun Club, Cascade, ID. This project included forming a ballistic wall on either side of the shooting area totaling 300 yards with the placement of Hesco brand removable poly plastic bins. The bins were filled with sand as much as the budget allows. These barriers make the range safer outside of the shooting zone by blocking loose ammunition. The walls can be moved if needed and are not permanent. This project included the purchase of first aid wound emergency kits in case of a shooting accident or other emergency. The project also included the purchase of shooting targets.

**Objective Statement:** Increase the use of Idaho public and Department Ranges for certifying students in Hunter, Bowhunter and Trapper Education (Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club Inc., Melba Gun Club, Farragut Shooting and Blacks Creek Range) by 30 June 2019.

The classroom construction projects at the Blacks Creek Shooting Range and Lewis and Clark Wildlife Club provided the need for a classroom facility with restrooms. Additionally, both facilities provide space for recreational shooting clubs, the public and hunter education instructors to be out of the weather to hold meetings and conduct classes.

The Farragut Shooting Range building is currently in construction and will be completed by December 30, 2019.

The Blacks Creek Range upper silhouette range project to provide a range for long distance shooting will be completed by December 30, 2019.

**4. Discuss differences between work anticipated in grant proposal and grant agreement and that actually carried out with Federal Aid grant funds.**

No ammunition or firearms were purchased.

**5. List any publications or in-house reports resulting from this work.**

Quarterly range grant report for operations team.

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The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program consists of funds from a 10% to 11% manufacturer's excise tax collected from the sale of handguns, sporting rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and archery equipment. The Federal Aid program then allots the funds back to states through a formula based on each state's geographic area and the number of paid hunting license holders in the state. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game uses the funds to help restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild birds and mammals for the public benefit. These funds are also used to educate hunters to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be responsible, ethical hunters. Seventy-five percent of the funds for this project are from Federal Aid. The other 25% comes from license-generated funds.

