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**Large Tracts Public Recreational Access  
Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education**

**Interim Performance Report**



**Grant Performance Period**

May 1, 2019 through December 31, 2024

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**FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION  
INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**1. State:** Idaho

**Grant number:** F19AF00495

**Grant name:** Large Tracts Public Recreational Access

**2. Report Period:** May 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

**Report due date:** September 28, 2020

**3. Location of work**

These leases are located in Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah and Shoshone counties and cover approximately 900,000 acres throughout the northern and western part of the state.

**4. Objectives** (list project objectives from grant proposal or grant agreement)

To acquire multiple 5-year public hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor recreational access leases for approximately 900,000 acres of private industrial timber lands in Idaho by 2019.

**5. Describe how the objectives were met**

Agreements were signed in fall 2019 with 13 private timber companies opening a total of 940,972 acres to the recreating public. All the lands have hunting value and in some case provide additional access to adjacent public land parcels that are also available for hunting. The cost is based on approximately \$1.00 per acre on an annual basis for 5 years.

Maintaining these areas open for public hunting has helped wildlife managers better use hunting and trapping as a tool for management of hunted/trapped species in Idaho.

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

There was no deviation from original grant proposal.

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

None

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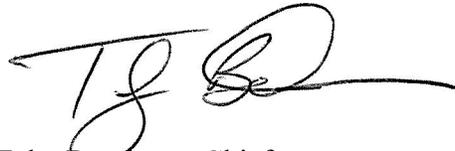
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## FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION

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.

