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Final Performance Report



Statewide Hunter Education, Basic

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State: Idaho

Grant Award Number: F16AF00886 Amendment 2

Grant name: ID – Statewide Hunter Education, Basic

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

Report due date: September 28, 2019

Location of work: Statewide

1. Approach:

- IDFG staff will recruit, train and manage certified instructors statewide to teach hunter education, bowhunter education, and trapper education.
- Certified instructors teach courses statewide to certify students in hunter education, bowhunter education, wolf trapper education and trapper education.
- Certified hunter education instructors and range masters will teach hunting and shooting clinics statewide at public ranges and regional offices.
- Staff will purchase classroom office supplies and materials necessary for courses at all hunter education locations. Supplies include manuals, exams, classroom materials, shooting targets, non-fire and live firearms, ammunition, media equipment and tables and chairs.
- Certified instructors participate in a volunteer incentive program, attend two trainings and attend an annual banquet.

Basic Hunter Education - The course is offered as instructor-led and online with a field day. The course includes ethics, wildlife management, conservation, survival and wildlife laws.

Bowhunter Education - This course is taught in combination with a hunter education course, as an instructor-led bowhunter course and as an online course. The course includes bowhunting techniques, equipment, ethics, shot placement, recovery techniques, distance judging, survival and wildlife laws.

Wolf Trapper Education - This instructor-led course includes wolf management, laws, ethics, wolf biology, and proper trapping skills.

Trapper Education - This instructor-led course includes basic trapping techniques, ethics, laws, safety, selectivity, and ethics.

Hunter Skills Courses - These instructor-led courses include firearm skills, field dressing, meat care, mapping/ planning a hunt, and mentored hunts.

2. Expected Results

- Fewer hunting accidents.
- New hunters demonstrate knowledge of regulations, wildlife conservation and ethics.
- Increased participation in hunting after courses and in sequential years.
- Increase customer service with highly trained volunteer instructors and course availability.

3. Describe how objectives were met.

Objective Statement: Staff will recruit, train and manage 1,000 certified instructors statewide to teach hunter education, bowhunter education, and trapper education by June 30, 2019.

Staff managed and trained 1,556 hunter, bowhunter and trapper education instructors. During the grant period, 40 new instructors were accepted, trained and began teaching courses. Statewide, 26 training events were conducted.

Objective Statement: Certified instructors will teach courses statewide to 15,000 students in hunter education, bowhunter education, wolf trapper education and trapper education by June 30, 2019.

Course Type	Student Count	Class Count
Hunter Education Instructor-led	3,386	210
Hunter Education Field Day (Post Online Course)	3,614	249
Hunter & Bowhunter Combination Instructor-led	2,193	145
Bowhunter Online Course	3,666	0
Bowhunter Instructor-led	54	8
Trapper Education	1,203	60
Wolf Trapper Education	464	20
TOTALS	14,580	692

Objective Statement: Certified hunter education instructors and range masters will teach 200 hunting and shooting clinics statewide at public ranges and regional offices by June 30, 2019.

A total of 153 hunting and shooting clinics were conducted.

As an enhancement to hunter education courses, 113 shooting clinics were held post course at IDFG facilities and public ranges. Additionally, 14 public shooting clinic events and courses were held.

Statewide, 26 mentored hunting events were held for youth and adult students in an effort to train them the skills to prepare for a hunt, participate in a hunt and learn the follow up care for field dressing and preparing game for consumption.

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

None

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

IDFG Hunter Education Database

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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.

