

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

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**Project W-168-C-23**

**Progress Report**



**WILDLIFE RESTORATION COORDINATION**

Study I, Job 1

July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

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**GRANT NUMBER:** W-168-C

**SEGMENT NUMBER:** 23

**GRANT TITLE:** Wildlife Restoration Coordination

**AGREEMENT PERIOD:** July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

NEED:

The Pittman-Robertson Coordination Project focuses on the coordination of research, survey, and inventory projects; various development and management projects; land acquisition projects that are periodically active; and the Endangered Species Program. The extent and complexity of restoration activities involved in these projects require that general direction and coordination by technically trained and experienced personnel be provided. This project is designed to meet that need and will provide a competent project leader who will coordinate the selection, planning, and implementation of approved federal aid projects.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Coordinate the activities of the Pittman-Robertson Program in Idaho.
2. Coordinate the activities of the Pittman-Robertson Program with the other activities of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.
3. Provide a liaison between the Department and the Division of Federal Aid.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND BENEFITS:

Enhanced coordination and communication among personnel conducting research, surveys and inventories, and land/habitat management involving federal aid funds. This will result in more effective and efficient use of available funds.

More effective and successful restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitat will be achieved through statewide coordination.

APPROACH AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Reviewed and edited annual progress reports. These reports were compared to previous segment work plans and to work accomplished. The segment was completed for this project and a new grant agreement was completed and approved.

Project documentation, budgets, and reports were completed for each Wildlife Restoration project. Office Specialist II Crystal Christensen spent considerable time editing reports turned in by field staff and preparing them for review and submittal to the Federal Assistance office in Portland, Oregon. These reports received further review and approval by Bureau of Wildlife staff and the Federal Assistance Coordinator in the Boise office before being sent to Portland.

Proposed project budgets were developed in relation to overall program needs and financial capabilities. Budgets were developed by Idaho Fish and Game in May and June for the fiscal year (1 July - 30 June) commencing a year later. Budgets developed in May and June of 2005 for the fiscal year commencing on 1 July 2007 were adjusted, as necessary, to coincide with funds allocated to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Wildlife Restoration projects.

In addition, Dale Toweill served on the Review Committee for Statewide Wildlife Grants selection and assisted Hunter Education Coordinator Ron Fritz with grant management. Considerable time was allocated to development of a proposed shooting range near Idaho's Farragut State Park; as a result of local concerns, this has developed into a better, more narrowly-focused project.

Periodic on-site reviews were made in conjunction with regional personnel and other staff. Reviews involved evaluation of compliance of work performed with project design and included evaluation of newly-acquired areas for funding needs.

Bureau of Wildlife staff toured all regions of the state and met with regional staff regarding work plans and allocation of time and funds.

Principal Wildlife Research Biologists and Wildlife Managers followed up on a planning meeting held in Boise in January 2005 by developing new research proposals filed with the revised research program for 2007-2011. Projects completed under the last 5-year grant cycle under project W-160-R were completed or revised, a summary of that work was prepared, and a new AFA/Grant Agreement for W-160-R was submitted in June 2006. In addition, all work done under grant W-179-R, the Statewide Wildlife Health Laboratory, was summarized for the period 2000-2006, and a new AFA/Grant Agreement was completed for that work to continue through 2011.

Other activities associated with coordination and administration of the Wildlife Restoration Program occurred within the Department and between the Department and the Division of Federal Assistance.

Dale Toweill and Bill Hutchinson attended the 2006 Federal Assistance Coordinator's annual meeting held during November 7-10 in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

LOCATION:

Statewide.

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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.

