

Wildlife Concerns:

The State of Idaho is not presently staffed, nor do we believe it will be staffed in the future, with an adequate number of land management specialists with professional training in the Science of Wildlife Management. The States major conservation agency, the Idaho Fish and Game Department, consists of approximately 300 employees. Only 25 of these employees are experienced wildlife land managers. Should major acreages of public land be transferred to State ownership and/or management, wildlife habitat concerns on these lands would be woefully lacking. It is unlikely that required funds would be forthcoming to finance proper land management that addresses wildlife and their habitat needs.