

**Idaho Land Use Summit: Protecting Idaho's
working lands, wildlife, and outdoor recreation.**

September, 2006

Goal: Promote conservation of Idaho's rural quality of life and wildlife resources.

Objective: Exchange information and knowledge on how land use changes are impacting farming, ranching, wildlife, and outdoor recreation.

Objective: Learn how others in the West are working to sustain working lands, wildlife, and outdoor recreation for future generations.

Objective: Examine how Idaho can protect its farming, ranching, and forestlands, its wildlife, and its outdoor recreation with smart growth.

Objective: Propose practical solutions to protecting rural Idaho's working lands, wildlife, and outdoor recreation as land uses change.

Cooperators

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society
The Idaho Chapter of the Society of Range Management
The Nature Conservancy
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game
The Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission
Idaho Association of Counties
Idaho Sportsmen's Groups
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Trust for Public Land
Idaho Realtors and Developers
Department of Agriculture
Others?

Synopsis

We propose to hold a Land Use Summit in Boise, Idaho in September 2006. The Summit will be an apolitical gathering of Idaho stakeholders including ranchers, landowners, farmer, sportsmen, county government representative, state legislators, citizens, land trusts, NGO's, and management agency representatives who are interested in promoting the conservation of Idaho's rural quality of life and wildlife resources. Invited speakers will include those from other areas of the Western U.S. who have experienced the impacts of unplanned development and have taken steps to alleviate or redirect its impacts on rural western communities. Idaho stakeholders will learn about development impacts and tools that can be used to address those impacts. Based on information exchange and learning at the Summit, attendees will propose approaches and tools to

promote in Idaho as a way to help sustain rural lifestyles, wildlife habitat, and public access.

The Summit is proposed as a 3-day conference, beginning at noon the first day, all day the second day and ending at noon on the third day. Invited speakers and academic experts will speak on development in the rural west and their experiences on dealing with it. Suggested symposia include: Defining the Problem, Tools to Direct and Plan Development, What Can We Learn from Other Western Experiences? and What Can Work for Idaho? Idaho stakeholders will speak based on their experiences and knowledge. The Summit will culminate in attendees using the information they have heard to propose alternatives, projects, and approaches for use in Idaho that would help sustain rural lifestyles and wildlife habitats.

Areas Where Assistance Would be Welcome

Funding

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society has an \$11,000 grant to put on the Conference from the National Society. The conference costs may total up to \$50,000. Because a \$50-\$75 registration charge is anticipated, there is a need to raise between \$20-25,000 in sponsorships. Cash and in-kind match and volunteers are also needed to make the Summit a success.

Suggestions on Speakers and Symposia

It is important to the success of the Summit that we have speakers who are experienced with this issue and can speak to the type of broad audience invited to the Summit. These may include, but are not limited to speakers with knowledge of tax law, county government, comprehensive planning, using technology such as decision support systems and GIS, and on-the-ground experience in the West. Suggested speakers who are knowledgeable and dynamic are needed. And we would appreciate learning from other similar conferences on what has and has not worked.

Idaho Land Use Summit Budget

Item	Estimated Cost	Estimated Revenue	
Facilities (300 people, 1 room theatre seating, 5 breakout rooms, 3 days)	3000		
Catering (300 people for 3 days - 2 half days, 1 full day)			
breaks (coffee, water, juice, snacks - 4 breaks @ 300/break)	1200		
lunches (box lunches for 1 day @ 10/lunch(300))	3000		
dinner (1 night for 250 people @ 25 pp)	7500		
Speakers (10 invited speakers)			
per diem (75/day(3))(10)	2250		
travel (10(1000))	10000		
honorariums (10(1000))	10000		
Arrangements			
eregistration set up	500		
printing of program	1000		
name tags, conference packages, etc	600		
web page and marketing	1000		
Facilitation (work with groups to culminate in agreements and initiatives)			
planning (4 days@1000/day)	4000		
materials (paper, dots, voting machines, etc)	3000		
conference work (3 days@1000/day)	3000		
Extras			
maps, photos, table arrangements	1000		
misc	1000		
Revenue			
TWS grant		11,000	11,000
Sponsorships		26,050	19,000
Registration (\$50 pp, 300 people)		15,000	
(\$75 pp, 300 people)			22,050
Totals	52050	52,050	52,050