

PRELIMINARY PROJECT STATEMENTLAND ACQUISITION

as required by

FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT

Date: September 18, 1946

The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The State of Idaho, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved September 2, 1937 (50 Stat. 917), entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in wildlife-restoration projects, and for other purposes," and to the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of the Interior made and published thereunder, does hereby submit by its IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION constituting the State Fish and Game Department, this preliminary project statement for the wildlife-restoration project described herein, which it is proposed to carry on under the provisions of said Act and said Rules and Regulations, and for which Federal aid is requested out of the apportionments made to said State by the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of the said Act.

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| 1. Name of Project: | Middle Fork Winter Range |
| 2. County: | Valley |
| 3. Nearest Town: | Cascade - Sixty airline miles |
| 4. Wildlife species to
be primarily benefited: | Deer and Elk |

Planned administration of project area:

- (a) Entire area to be protected as winter range for deer and especially elk. Between 30 and 40 elk use as winter range.
- (b) Certain numbers will be harvested each year in this area and every effort made to hold numbers to available range.
- (c) Cattle and horses use the area surrounding the ranch for spring, summer, fall and early winter range. Also, other lands to the south along the north side of the Middle Fork of Salmon River under a Forest Service permit. The purchase of the Mitchell Ranch and transfer to the Department of the grazing permit attached to the ranch would eliminate the only livestock competition on this range.
- (d) The U.S. Forest Service stated they would accept a waiver of all grazing rights held by William Mitchell, present owner of the property, from this department. They would cancel this right and would issue no further permits in this area after the Mitchell permit was cancelled. Copies of the waiver showing cancellation would be sent the Fish and Wildlife Service by the U.S. Forest Service upon its termination.

Wildlife restoration developments planned:

No wildlife restoration development planned for area.

Boundaries:

See map attached. Also, plat of land. Original and copy of option signed by William Mitchell.

(a) Land to be purchased:

160 acres. Sections 27-34; T.17N, R12E, M.B., SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 27; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34.

Cover type percent:

(a) Agriculture	33.1 %	53 acres
(b) Grazing open	43.7 "	70 "
(c) Timber, grazing	21.3 "	34 "
(d) Creek	1.9 "	3 "
TOTAL	100.0 % ✓	160 acres ✓

Land improvements:

- (a) Farm buildings \$650.00 ✓
- (b) Fences 300.00 ✓

There are two cabins, each approximately 12' x 14' and 14' x 16', with several small sheds, outhouses, etc. The north, east and west sides are fenced with a three and four strand barb wire fence in poor condition. Buildings are well constructed and serviceable, but old.

10. Land uses:

- (a) Fifty-three acres agricultural type; twenty-three acres of the agricultural land is in hay and the crop fed to livestock. Mr. Mitchell runs 42 head of cows, one bull and two horses along with the calves. Thirty acres addition are partially cleared but have never been seeded.
- (b) Grazing land is used in conjunction with winter feed during January, February and part of March. The balance of the year he uses outside forest range near the ranch and along the Middle Fork where elevations are lower and the snow fall is considerably less.
- (c) Trapping, logging and fisheries are not applicable although sufficient timber is available on the land for log construction.

11. Timber: Not applicable

12. Tracts in unit:

- (a) One tract
- (b) 160 acres
- (c) Surveyed

13. Tract ownership:

- (a) One tract
- (b) 100 per cent
- (c) Private

14. Land rentals: Not applicable

15. Purchase possibilities:

Attached is original and copy of option secured for purchase of land and transfer of Forest Service permit.

16. Estimated acquisition costs:

No land has been sold in the area recently. The McCall Ranch of 80 acres, about 30 of which were agricultural, was purchased by McCall for \$6,500.00 about ten years ago, has recently been optioned for \$50,000.00. A two room cabin on Section 16 of this same township and range is being offered for \$5,000.00. The land upon which it is located is state owned and must be leased from the State.

Estimated costs:

(a) 53 acres	Irrigable - @ \$80.00	\$4,240.00 ✓
(b) 70 "	Mt. pasture - dry @ \$10.00	700.00 ✓
(c) 34 "	Timber & brush - @ \$10.00	340.00 ✓
	Creek	00.00
(e) Buildings	Estimate	650.00 ✓
(f) Fences	Estimate	300.00 ✓
(g) Forest permit	Estimate (42 cattle @ \$12.00)	

7. Estimated costs:

(a) Examinations, 40-C	\$ 0.00
(b) Negotiations, 40-C	0.00
(c) Boundary Surveys, 40-C (Survey land)	0.00
(d) Title abstracting & vesting	10.00 ✓
(e) Contingency	0.00
	\$ 10.00 ✓

8. Estimated cost of Project: \$6,744.00 ✓

9. Estimated time to complete Project:

90 days ✓

10. Amount of funds which is available for initial work:

- (a) State, \$20,000.00. Source: State Fish and Game Funds Idaho Session Laws 1939. Chapter 228.
- (b) Other: None

11. Funds for maintenance to be provided by State of Idaho, Wildlife Restoration Project Fund, from sale of licenses and other income - Idaho Session Laws for 1939, Chapter 228.

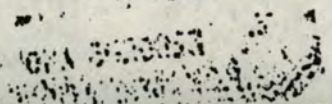
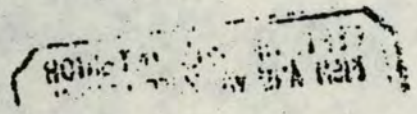
12. Official, officials, or depository authorized by State law to receive public funds of the State and designated by the State Fish and Game Department to receive Federal funds for this project:

STATE TREASURER OF IDAHO: WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROJECT FUND

13. Names of State and Federal employees who examined area, and full title of report, if any, accompanying this Project Statement:

John J. Boyle, Supervisor
Idaho Federal Aid

14. This statement covers all of the work to be performed under the entire land-acquisition program planned for this area. Should this project cover only a portion of the selected acquisition unit, the State Fish and Game Department agrees to furnish detailed information in the form above outlined for the entire unit in order that the Secretary may determine whether the proposal meets with his standards, and it is understood that this project will not be approved until such information is submitted. Assurance is given that the foregoing information is given to the best ability of the State Fish and Game Department, that all of the provisions of the State Laws affecting



the power and authority of the State Fish and Game Department to cooperate with the Federal Government in relation to this project have been fully complied with, and that where statement covers part of an acquisition unit, the State Fish and Game Department gives assurance that unit will be continued to completion within a reasonable time as moneys are available from future Federal and/or State funds.

Respectfully submitted: IDAEO FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

By: James O. Beck
James O. Beck, Director

Approved: Date 8 1945 Approved: Date NOV 4 1946

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Acting Regional Director

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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By: R. M. Rothman
Acting Director, Fish & Wildlife Service

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