

STATE OF IDAHO

PROJECT NO. W-113-D
Development pro.

FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION

PRELIMINARY PROJECT STATEMENT

DEVELOPMENT

DATE February 14, 1955

The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The State of IDAHO by and through the IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION constituting the IDAHO FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT, and pursuant to the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts (50 Stat. 917) and to the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of the Interior made and published thereunder, does hereby submit this statement describing a wildlife development project and requests authorized financing thereof. Said project is proposed as a means of promoting efficient management of wildlife resources, and will be executed under the provisions of said Act and said Rules and Regulations.

- 1. Name of project: Primitive Area Winter Range ~~Development~~
- 2. County: Valley, Idaho, Lemhi, Custer
- 3. Nearest Town; distance and direction from project: Challis - 25 miles Southeast
McCall - 42 miles West of project
- 4. Wildlife species to be primarily benefited: Deer - Elk
- 5. Management Plans:

Several isolated private land ownerships, as itemized below, have been acquired (Project W 81-L) for the purpose of retiring domestic livestock related thereto and which were in direct competition with elk, deer and mountain sheep on key and critical winter ranges:

	<u>Acreage</u>
McGill Ranch - Chamberlain Basin	407.53
William Mile-High Ranch - Big Creek	160.00
Lawman Ranch - South Fork Salmon River	398.42
Higby Ranch - South Fork Salmon River	237.00
Withers Ranch - South Fork Salmon River	150.40
<i>d under W42L</i> Mitchel Ranch - Middle Fork of Salmon	160.00
Warnick Ranch - Middle Fork of Salmon	214.15
Hood Field - Middle Fork of Salmon	15.00
Hormon Ranch - Middle Fork of Salmon	213.15
Simplot Grouse Creek Ranch - Middle F. Salmon	59.27
Simplot Leon Creek	<u>112.55</u>

Total acreage 2,127.47

The above areas will be managed and improved, if necessary, to contribute as much as possible to wildlife use. This management may include leasing of specific areas under strict use agreement to packer to encourage adequate harvest of game animals from this remote area.

A full time Refuge Manager will be stationed on the area to do maintenance and development work and collect data related to game population census, migration routes, period of use, hunter harvest, browse utilization, range trends, etc., necessary for improved management of the area. Estimated Cost - \$60,000.00

6. Canals and Channels:

The various irrigation systems pertinent to the above mentioned acquired canals will be maintained, improved or extended as necessary to provide for irrigation of as much land as possible.

Estimated Costs: \$2,000.00

7. Bridge:

The cable car crossing providing access during high water period across the Middle Fork of the Salmon River near the mouth of Cougar Creek is in poor state of repair and will be repaired or replaced as necessary to provide access to Department lands bisected by the Main Salmon River.

Estimated Costs: \$2,000.00

8. Items formerly classed as maintenance but now considered development, such as replanting and cultivation of shrubs and trees; farming operations--herbaceous plantings, annual crops, pumping costs; firebreaks; water-assessments, etc., will be included as a part of the project.

9. Routine maintenance of existing capital improvements will also be included as a maintenance portion of this project.

10. Summary of Proposed Developments and Costs:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>
6	Canals and Channels	\$2,000.00
7	Bridge	2,000.00
	Salaries, Materials, etc.	60,000.00
	Total costs above enumerated	\$64,000.00
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	Contingency Fund	1,400.00
	Total estimated cost of project	\$65,400.00
	Total estimated cost of project	\$70,400.00

11. Probable duration of the project: 10 years (February 28, 1965)

Assurance is given that the foregoing information concerning the project herein described is presented to the best ability of the Idaho Fish and Game

Department, and all applicable provisions of the State laws have been fully complied with.

Respectfully submitted

IDAHO FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

By

Ross Leonard
Ross Leonard, Director

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