

# Idaho Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

Idaho Fish & Wildlife Office – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



# IFWO Conservation Funding & Support

- Recovery
  - \$90,000 IDFG Management Specialist
  - \$25,000 Conflict Prevention Tools
  - \$30,000 Research & Monitoring
- Section 6
  - \$35,000 IDFG Cons Officer & Monitoring
- Section 7
  - CBP-funded Cons Officer & Monitoring
- Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program



The Idaho Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to landowners interested in restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat on their land.

Projects are custom-designed to meet landowners' needs.



# WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Privately-owned land (not owned by the State or Federal Government)
- Why Private Land?
  - 32% of Idaho Panhandle in private ownership
  - Wildlife do not understand jurisdictional boundaries
  - Minimal dedicated funds for private lands conservation.



*Conservation in rural communities promotes sustainable working landscapes which benefits prospering local economies and wildlife.*



# HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- The landowner works with the Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program biologist and a **local cooperator** to design, fund and implement a project.
- A **local cooperator** is a non-federal agency, business, non-profit organization or tribe that receives and manages the funding, handles all contracting and invoicing.



**Kootenai Tribe of Idaho**



**Boundary Soil Conservation District**



# THE LANDOWNER'S ROLE

- Sign a landowner agreement to maintain habitat for at least 10 years.
- Allow access, with advance notification, for project implementation and monitoring.

## FUNDING

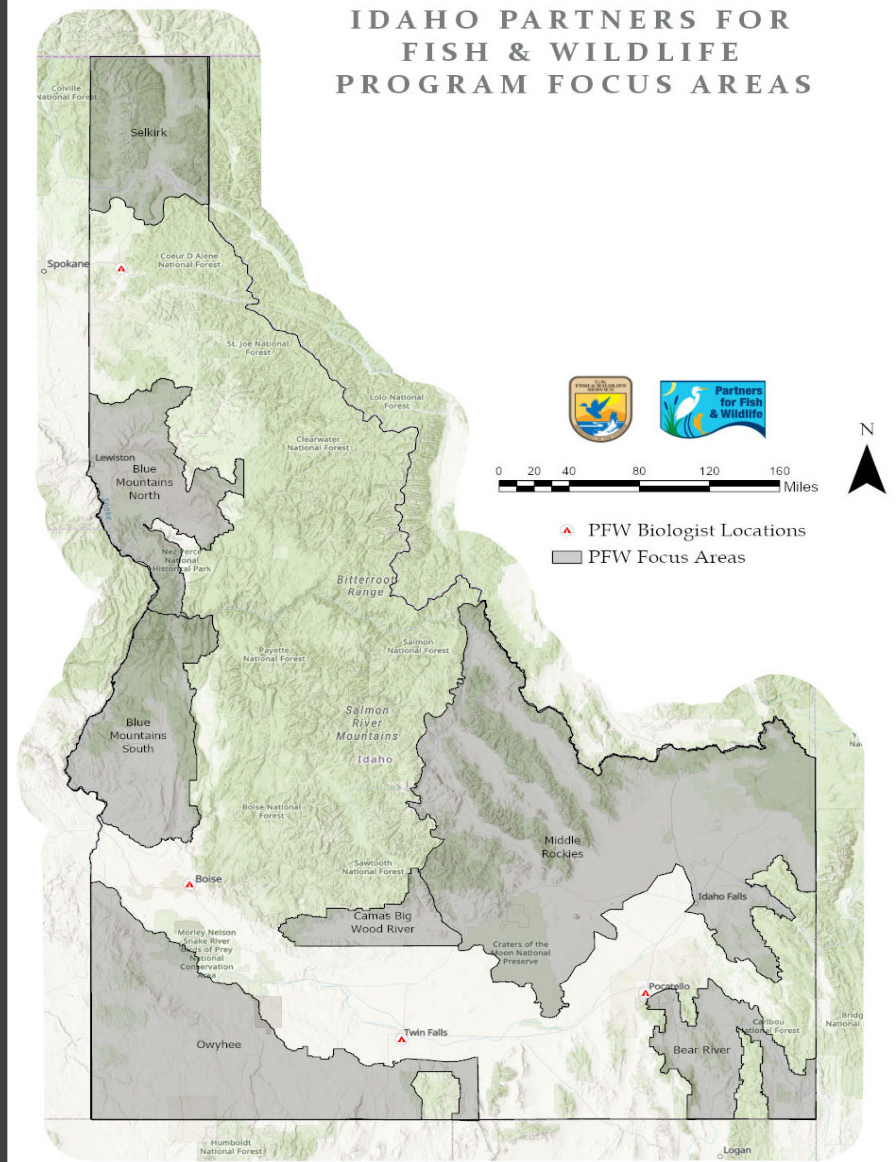
- Up to \$25,000 per project from USFWS.
- A 50:50 cost-share is targeted, but flexible. Can be “in-kind” or cash.
- Can cost-share with anyone: landowners, federal/state/local agencies, conservation districts, NGOs, businesses, tribes, etc.

# Idaho PFW Program

- Our priority is to work in focus areas and promote habitat restoration projects that benefit federal trust species (migratory birds, T & E and at-risk species).

## 2015-2019 Accomplishments:

- 130 habitat projects
- 15,902 acres of upland
- 2,141 acres of wetland
- 28.4 miles of stream & riparian
- 12 fish passage barriers



# Selkirk Cabinet-Yaak

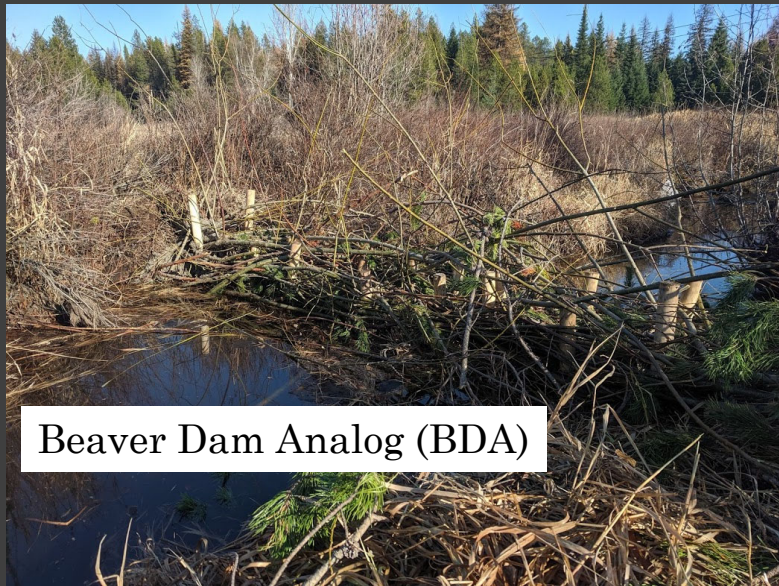
- Prioritize stream, wetland and riparian restoration for focal species
- Connect to other projects to achieve landscape-scale results
- Restore migration habitat





# Bismark Meadows

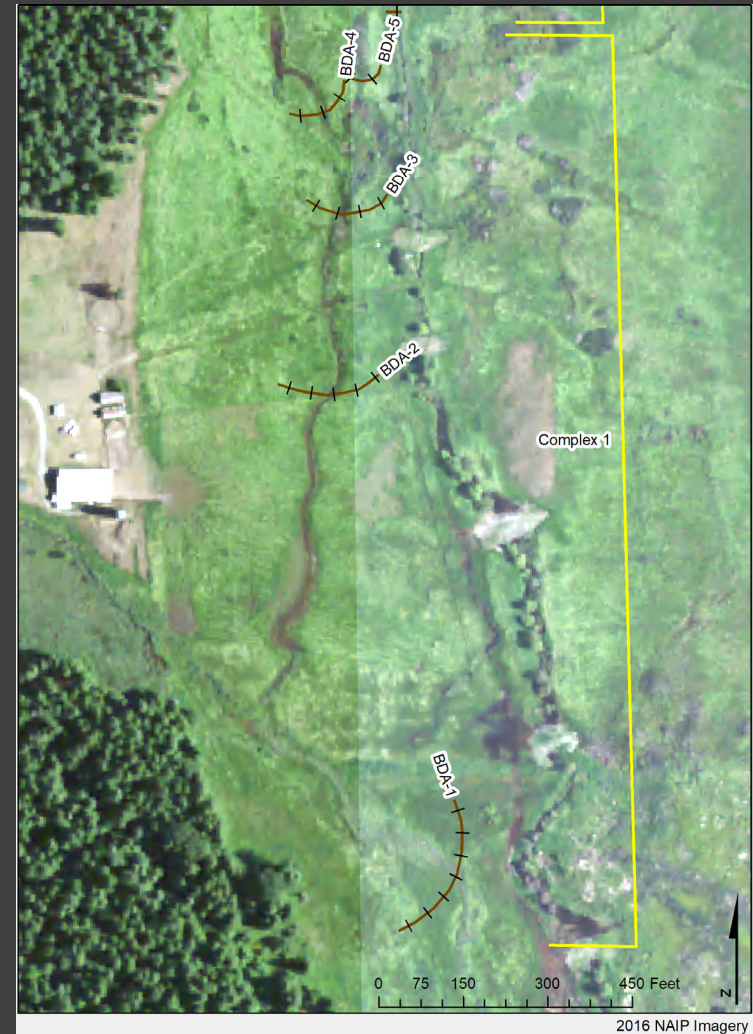
- Landowner: Vital Ground, NRCS WRE
- Purpose: Restore wet meadow using beaver mimicry. Support sensitive plants by raising the water table.
- Project expansion including outreach.





# Kootenai Tributary

- Landowner: Private
- Purpose: Reconnect the floodplain and aggrade the highly incised channels using a mixture of BDAs and post-assisted log structures (PALS).





# Grouse Creek

- Landowners: Private
- Purpose: Restore in-stream and riparian habitat while stabilizing the eroding streambank.





# Pack River

- Landowner: Bonner County
- Purpose: Restore native riparian and wetland vegetation through plantings and suppressing reed canarygrass.



Wetland Swale

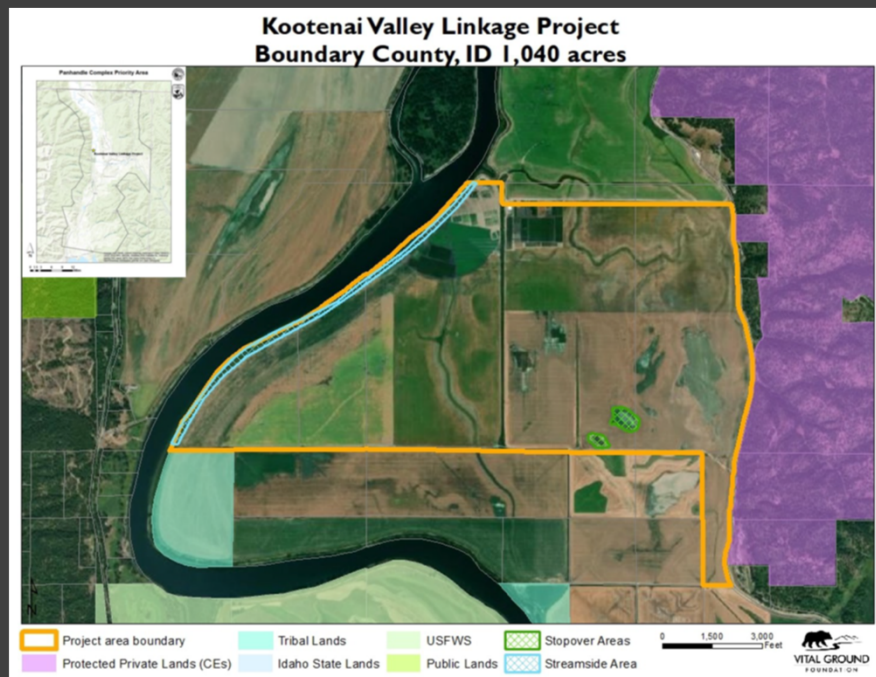


Upland Mound



# Kootenai River

- Landowner: Private
- Purpose: Convert portions of cropland to stopover habitat for big game and other wildlife.



Wetland Plugs



Willow Cuttings



Trees & Shrubs

# Services

- Plan, implement & monitor
- Identify other partners
- Identify other funding sources
- Permitting

## Types of projects:

- Stream restoration
- Riparian reforestation
- Native grass & forb planting
- Wetland restoration
- Livestock
  - Exclusion fencing
  - Alternative water supply
- Wildlife friendly fencing
- Timber stand improvement



# Questions?



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## **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

*A Voluntary Habitat Restoration Program for Private Landowners*



Technical and financial assistance available to private landowners who want to improve fish and wildlife habitat on their land.

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