



2001 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Customer Focus

Many species of wildlife in Jefferson County, Idaho, have more food and cover as a result of wildlife habitat management plans installed by three landowners.

Two five-row windbreaks totaling 2,800 feet in length are providing valuable food and cover.

An old river channel has been developed into an attractive pond with five nesting islands that are used by a variety of waterfowl. Wetland vegetation planted around the edges of the pond provides food and cover.

An old slough located in a busy waterfowl migratory route has been dredged and deepened to provide open water for hundreds of migrating birds. Nesting islands constructed away from the shore provide the birds with protection from predators.

Idaho Summary

Overview

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. The program offers landowners up to 75 percent cost-share for wildlife habitat projects.

Objectives in Idaho's WHIP Plan include:

- Educate the public about the need to restore native wildlife habitat
- Focus restoration efforts in areas of the state that will address critical wildlife habitat needs in riparian, wetlands, shrub/steppe and grassland habitats
- Emphasize wildlife habitat restoration and management that will directly impact threatened and endangered species and species of special concern
- Emphasize wildlife habitat restoration and management in agricultural areas to restore habitat diversity and provide water quality benefits

Accomplishments

During fiscal year 2001, 29 contracts covering 1,482 acres were enrolled in the program, which resulted in the application of 1,850 acres of wildlife habitat management and 87 acres of wetland habitat management.

Wildlife habitat management plans developed with program participants include expansion of food and water sources, escape and nesting cover, shelter, and travel lanes. Habitat development optimizes spatial distribution of these landscape features to sustain desired population levels of key species.

Program Benefits

Restoration of shrub/steppe, grassland and riparian habitats are helping to enhance and protect sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse populations.

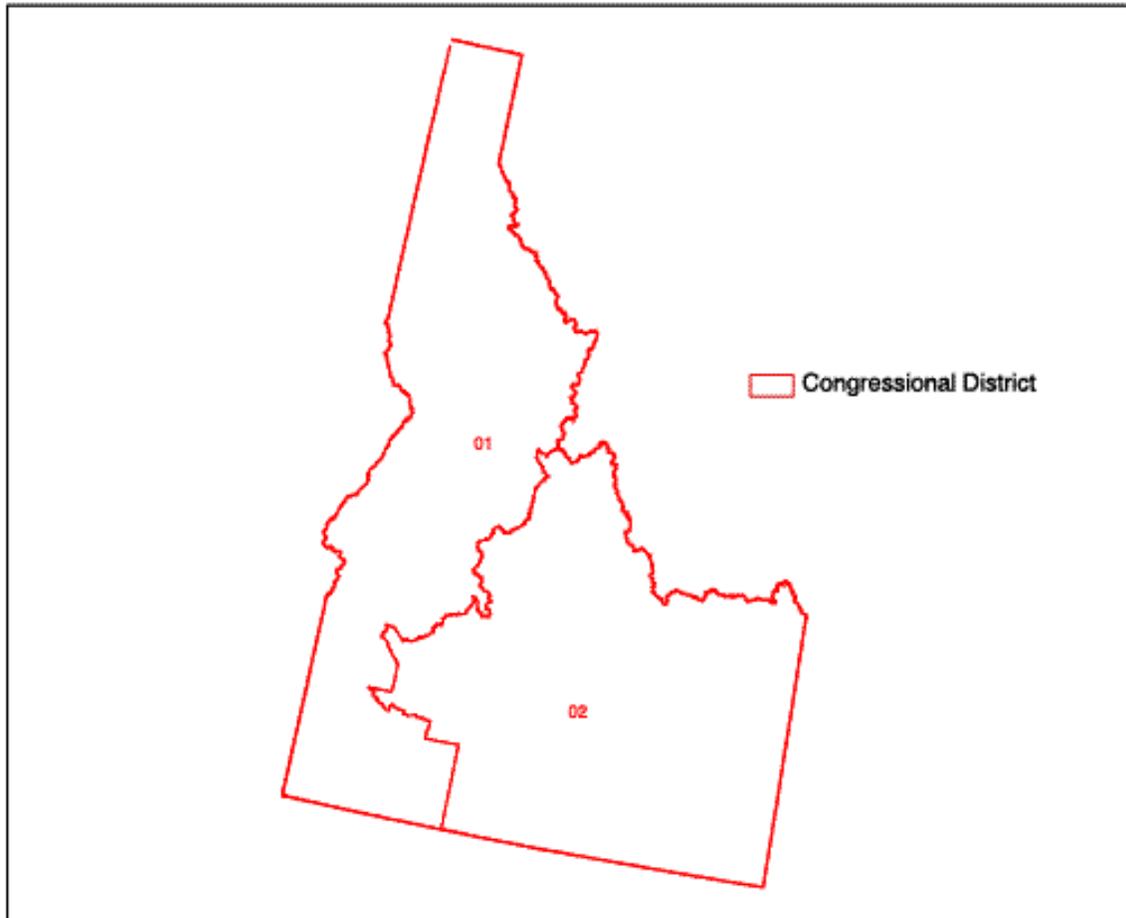
Stream and riparian habitat protection and enhancement are providing critical habitat for anadromous fish and bull trout.

Many state and federal agencies, producer and environmental groups coordinate efforts through WHIP to restore and enhance wildlife habitat. These entities include: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Farm Service Agency, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Idaho Cattle Association, Pheasants Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, Idaho Grain Producers Association, Idaho Wool Growers Association, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Dairy Association.

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Idaho WHIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



Idaho Dollars and Contracts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (98-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	122,492	19	137,986	52
District 2	69,125	10	197,864	55
			46,575	8
			191,617	29
State Totals	191,617	29	574,042	144

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